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Levy-PM feud on back burner as FM vacations

SARAH HONG EFFORTS to peacefully conclude the saga of Foreign Minister David Levy's umbrage will be put on the back burner for most of this week as Levy leaves for the US today to attend a private wedding. He will be gone four days. Levy will be traveling with his political ally, National Infrastructure Minister Ariel Sharon. They will be guests of honor at the wedding of a Likud activist and will be back on Thursday. The trip was cleared with Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, who will be substituting for Levy until his return. Levy's absence comes after he failed to attend the weekly cabinet session on Friday, thereby escalating a week of sulking on his part. Earlier, he had failed to show up for other ministerial sessions, as well as for the inner-cabinet meeting with Netanyahu. Levy spent all of Friday at his Beit She'an home. Levy's confidants maintain that he had planned to go to the wedding all along and that this is not another demonstrative absence from the arena. However, in the Likud there are suggestions that had things not been so strained, Levy might not necessarily have gone now to a Likud supporter's marriage ceremony. Levy, it is noted, has a long record of significant absences and used this method of broadcasting his pique with past prime ministers, including the late Menachem Begin. Sources close to the prime minister, however, suggest that this might be Levy's way of lowering the temperature and backing away from a crisis. Meanwhile, over the weekend, Levy aides did not repeat the threats that he might resign if not allowed a greater role in the negotiations with Israel's neighbors. There are suggestions from Levy's circle that contacts with the Prime Minister's Office might be pursued during Levy's absence by some of his aides. However, it is doubtful whether such relatively low-level talks can bring about a solution to Levy's claims that he is being snubbed.

Ne'eman attacks A-G again

FORMER justice minister Ya'acov Ne'eman charged Friday that Attorney-General Michael Ben-Yair's decision to open a criminal investigation against him was motivated by "extraneous considerations." Ne'eman made the remark at Friday's cabinet meeting, during which he explained his decision to step down from his post. Ne'eman resigned Thursday after Ben-Yair's announcement that police would investigate whether he had obstructed justice during the investigation of Shas MK Arye Deri. Ben-Yair's decision came in response to a petition to the High Court of Justice filed by a *Globes* journalist, which included an allegation that Ne'eman had tried to persuade a witness in the Deri trial not to cooperate with the police. Ne'eman told the cabinet he was sure his innocence would be proved but that he felt it would be improper to continue holding the Justice portfolio during the investigation, even though the law does not oblige him to resign. Ben-Yair refrained from commenting on Ne'eman's remarks and merely read the cabinet's statement of the previous day regarding the decision to open the investigation. Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu reiterated his belief in Ne'eman and said he hopes Ne'eman would soon reclaim the portfolio. Speaking on Channel 1's Friday (Continued on Page 2)



Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak meets with Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat in Cairo yesterday. (Reuters)

Arafat, Mubarak: Settlement policy very disturbing

CAIRO (Reuters) - Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat met with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak and senior Fatah officials in Cairo yesterday to forge a strategy to counter Israel's decision to continue building in existing settlements. "The settlements [issue] is the main issue of our discussion tonight," said PA Social Affairs Minister Intisar Wazir. "We want to send a message all over the world... to push the peace process, to continue negotiations and of course to put political pressure on Israel to stop expansion of settlements because this is very dangerous to the peace process," Wazir told reporters. Arafat met Mubarak and told him that he was "very disturbed" by the settlement issue. Arafat also met with 16 members of his mainstream Fatah faction in Andalous Palace, his official residence in Cairo. Before the PLO leader opened the session last night with the central committee of his Fatah movement, Wazir said she hoped the outside world would help make Israel live up to past agreements. PLO political department head Farouk Kaddoumi, a vocal critic of the Oslo accords, attended the meeting, which brought together officials from the self-rule areas and from abroad. Fatah member and senior Palestinian official in Jerusalem Faisal Husseini said the Cairo meeting was aimed at finding ways to face what he said were attempts by Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu to deny the Palestinians their rights. After Arafat's meeting with Mubarak, Egyptian Foreign Minister Amr Moussa said the two leaders were both upset by Israel's settlement move and its decision on Friday to refuse to reopen peace talks until the PA's Jerusalem offices were shut. Moussa described the plan to build new settlements as "a grave danger to the peace process." Asked how the leaders would deal with Israel's demand to shut down offices in Jerusalem, Moussa replied "not in a positive way." Neither Arafat nor Mubarak made statements. Moussa said the two leaders agreed to continue meetings between themselves and with other Arab leaders toward restarting the Palestinian-Israeli talks as soon as possible. Palestinian sources said several of the central committee members were disappointed that Arab countries were not giving stronger backing to the Palestinians. The sources said that Arafat is resisting advice from Mubarak and King Hussein to give Netanyahu more time to fulfill agreements with the Palestinians. Arafat has begun to feel that only stronger actions by the Arabs and Palestinians will force Netanyahu to keep the agreements, and move forward with peace talks, the sources said. Arafat's spokesman, Nabil Abu (Continued on Page 2)

Netanyahu: Peace talks can't progress unless PA shuts down Jerusalem offices

PRIME Minister Binyamin Netanyahu said on Friday that he would not move forward in the peace talks unless the Palestinian Authority shut down its offices in Jerusalem. "We cannot make progress in negotiations with the Palestinian Authority as long as there are violations [of the Oslo accords] in Jerusalem and in every instance we will act to close down offices operating illegally in Jerusalem," Netanyahu told the cabinet on Friday.

Faisal Husseini, the top Palestinian official in Jerusalem, said that closing down Orient House, the PLO's headquarters in the city, would be a setback for Palestinians and Israelis alike. "For Palestinians [Orient House] is a symbol of Jerusalem, which means that its closure would symbolize the exclusion of Jerusalem from the peace process and a loss of hope," the

Friday edition of the international Arabic newspaper *Asharq al-Awsat* quoted Husseini as saying. Netanyahu also criticized Internal Security Minister Avigdor Kahalani for the compromise he made last week with PA Council member Hattem Abdel Khader. The PA legislator had opened an office in his east Jerusalem home earlier this month to serve

his constituents. Kahalani ordered the office closed, but then settled for a declaration by Khader that the office had no connection to the PA. Netanyahu said he was not satisfied with the agreement. "I gave an unequivocal directive to the internal security minister to close the office of Hattem Abdel Khader... and I request that these directives be carried out," Netanyahu told the cabinet.

Dole picks Kemp as running mate to Republicans' delight

News agencies RUSSELL, Kansas - Republican presidential candidate Bob Dole yesterday formally announced that Jack Kemp, an ebullient conservative in the Ronald Reagan mold, would be his vice-presidential running mate. With a beaming Kemp at his side, Dole made the announcement in his hometown a day before flying to San Diego where he will receive the party's nomination to challenge incumbent President Bill Clinton. Opinion polls show Dole far behind Democrat Clinton. Having chosen the former football player as his running mate, Dole hoped to debut the Dole-Kemp ticket with a red, white and blue rally at the rural courthouse where his political career began. But a drenching rain threatened to move the festivities to a covered exposition hall at the fairgrounds. Dole emerged from his house yesterday morning briefly to look up at the sky as he awaited the arrival of Kemp, a former housing secretary and New York congressman. Republicans gathered for next week's National Convention were electrified by the choice of Kemp. Illinois Representative Henry Hyde, who chaired the Republican platform committee this week, said Kemp's presence on the ticket would help broaden Dole's appeal to minorities. "With blacks, with the Jewish

community, with inner city group, Jack Kemp has a marvelous history of connecting," he said. Asked about Dole's past disagreements with Kemp, Hyde said: "People who agree on everything I'm always suspicious of. They bring together experience, wisdom, energy and youth. You get a very fine package in these two men." Dole and Kemp have been rivals - and antagonists - for years. They were unsuccessful candidates for the 1988 presidential nomination, and both were passed over as George Bush's running mate. Dole had hoped to keep his choice of vice presidential running mate a surprise until yesterday's event. But even as American flags were being stationed Friday along Main Street for yesterday's formal announcement, Republican activists were voicing enthusiasm about the selection of Kemp, a sometime Dole antagonist. Nelson Warfield, Dole's press secretary, said that the former Senate majority leader reviewed newspaper clips yesterday morning announcing his selection. He said Dole was pleased with the coverage of his decision and particularly "impressed that [former New York Gov.] Mario Cuomo had called the choice formidable." Campaign sources said Dole made the offer - and Kemp accepted - in a 15-minute tele-

phone call late Friday night. The pair planned to meet at Dole's boyhood home before the rally and a triumphant entrance at the Republican Party's San Diego convention site today. "We've got a weep; the curtain goes up on the drama of taking the White House back from Bill Clinton," spokesman Nelson Warfield said after Dole placed the call from his living room. "I can't tell you who the other party was, but I can tell you he was extremely enthusiastic. You could hear him through the phone." Two sources familiar with the conversation said Kemp was Dole's choice, ending a months-long review. Dole sifted through a handful of popular governors and three former Senate colleagues before turning to Kemp. Just a month ago, Kemp predicted his stormy relationship with Dole - and a history of deep differences over economic policy - would keep him from being considered. But by Friday, the 61-year-old former professional football player's tune had changed. "Quarterbacks are always ready," he declared. Kemp played the key quarterback position for two clubs before going into politics. The Dole team also was ready, arriving here with a vice presidential staff already assembled and former Commerce Department official Wayne Berman at the helm



Republican presidential candidate Bob Dole (right) and his newly announced running mate Jack Kemp shake hands with a crowd gathered at a campaign rally in Russell, Kansas yesterday. (Reuters)

as manager. Veteran Republican strategist Charlie Black, who ran Texas Sen. Phil Gramm's unsuccessful primary bid this year, was also drafted. Democrats greeted Kemp's selection with footballs bearing the slogan: "Hail Mary Pass." A

"Hail Mary" is a desperation play in football. But Cuomo said Kemp could. (Continued on Page 2)

Swiss Police arrest Amiram Hochberg in connection with murder

FOLLOWING a complicated international investigation, Swiss Police yesterday arrested Dr. Amiram Hochberg in connection with the murder of his companion's mother in May in Rehovot. Hochberg and his 12-year-old son, Itai, were found in Basel after they disappeared following the murder of Itai's grandmother, Ida Bleichman, and the disappearance of his mother, Shlomit Bleichman. Swiss police arrested Hochberg yesterday in a studio apartment in Basel, Central District police chief Cmdr. Shlomo Aharonishky said yesterday evening. Itai had grown his hair long and was dressed like a girl, Itim

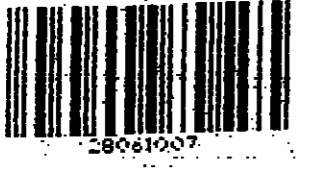
reported. After the murder, the two apparently had reached Switzerland via Italy by traveling on forged passports. Ida Bleichman's body was found on May 21, 1996, in her Rehovot apartment after Shlomit had been reported missing from her job at the Weizmann Institute the previous day. Ida had been shot dead with a bullet matching those in a pistol for which Hochberg has a license. Her body was found rolled up in a carpet. A senior police source said that Hochberg had called acquaintances here from Switzerland and

these calls had helped detectives track him and his son down. His common-law wife, Shlomit, the mother of his son, has not been found yet, and police presume she is dead. On May 22, Bleichman's car was found parked in a Rehovot side street with substantial bloodstains on the seats and containing some of her personal belongings. Later, DNA tests proved that the bloodstains matched those of Shlomit Bleichman. Several days later a van hired by Hochberg was found at the Taba border crossing into Egypt.

Records disclosed that Hochberg and Itai had not crossed the border under their real names but had used false documents. Foreign police and Interpol were brought into the operation and Central District detectives were sent abroad in an effort to track down the pair. Yesterday a breakthrough in the search, which included electronic surveillance methods, revealed that Hochberg and Itai were in a rented apartment in Basel. Central District police have already started extradition proceedings against Hochberg. These usually take several months. (Continued on Page 2)

TO OUR READERS

Please note that the number 5 has been added to all the phone and fax numbers of the main office of The Jerusalem Post (all starting with the number 3). For example, the phone number of the switchboard - 315666 - is now 531-5666 Other changes: the phone number of the J.P. Funds is now 623-3986; of the Book Department and Post Mart, 624-1282, and their fax number is 624-1212.





# Rehov Bar-Ilan protests pass quietly

THOUSANDS of haredim and secular activists demonstrated yesterday at Jerusalem's Rehov Bar-Ilan for and against a plan to close the thoroughfare during prayer times on Shabbat and holidays.

It was the sixth straight week in which demonstrations have been held over the closure issue.

The protests began in the afternoon, with some 2,000 haredim lining the sidewalks along the street and shouting, "Shabbos." Some stones were thrown at passing motorists, but there were no

injuries. Large numbers of policemen prevented the haredim from moving onto the street, arresting one haredim man.

At about 6 p.m., Meretz activists began a car procession on the street. About 25 cars with Israeli flags and posters reading, "Bar-Ilan will not be closed," drove up and down the street.

The haredim responded by shouting, spitting and throwing some stones.

About 1,000 secular activists also held a demonstration at the Sanhedria junction at 8 p.m. The

protesters hoisted placards reading, "Bibi will give Jerusalem to the haredim," and "Jerusalem is free."

Police said the protests passed relatively quietly, with few serious incidents. Some 600 policemen were on the scene to keep order.

On Thursday, a seven-member panel of High Court justices is to consider petitions on the closure of the road.

Police sources said they expect serious rioting and violence by haredim if the court refuses to allow the road to be closed. (Itim)



A haredi man walks with his son past a line of policemen on Rehov Bar-Ilan yesterday. The police had a relatively easy Shabbat, as the demonstrations passed off quietly. (Reuter)

## Labor youth, MKs demonstrate against government

DOZENS of young people affiliated with the Labor Party, as well as several of its MKs, demonstrated near the north Tel Aviv train station on Friday against the government's policy regarding the settlements, saying it threatens the peace process.

Carrying signs reading "We must continue towards peace," "Money for the neighborhoods, not for the settlements," and other slogans in support of Labor, the demonstrators protested the decision to remove the freeze on construction in the settlements.

Labor Secretary-General Nissim Zvilli said that as long as the government makes progress in the peace process, it would have Labor's full support.

"But now we see [Prime Minister Binyamin

Netanyahu] giving in to the extreme Right," Zvilli said, "making decisions on Hebron and on expanding settlements in areas that are in the heart of Palestinian areas, and [choosing] to invest tens of millions there instead of in the Negev and the Galilee, which threatens the diplomatic process. We will not be silent."

Zvilli said the opposition would not just be in the street but in the Knesset, though he added that such public demonstrations would continue weekly "as long as this government takes steps that threaten peace."

MKs Ra'anan Cohen and Yael Dayan also participated in the demonstration. (Itim)

## Northern settlements demand ministerial forum to hear their problems

THE Forum of Heads of Confrontation Line Communities in the North demanded on Friday that a ministerial committee be appointed to address their communities' problems. The forum held an emergency meeting on Friday in Hufeish.

"We see ourselves as being the frontline outpost of Israel and we need to be treated like an outpost which needs tanks, machine guns or army units. We demand, therefore, that the government immediately form a ministerial committee for confrontation line communities

headed by a minister who can talk straight," forum chairman Shlomo Buhbut said. "The funds allocated for security must be released immediately."

The previous government had allocated NIS 37 million to build and equip shelters, but nothing has yet been done, according to Buhbut, Ma'alot-Tarshiha mayor.

Other measures which were discussed - such as tax reductions to cover the losses which industrialists and merchants incurred - also have not materialized, he said. (Itim)

## KEMP

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hurt Democrats by appealing to minority voters.

Dole, who had joked about sneaking his mystery candidate through the back door, clearly delighted in prolonging the guessing game. "Beats working," he said.

The Dole campaign, stuck far behind President Clinton in public opinion polls, was counting on a bold vice presidential choice and a smooth convention next week to excite doubting Republicans.

Indeed, as word of Kemp's selection spread through San Diego, where Dole-Kemp T-shirts were already on sale, reaction among the Republican faithful was overwhelmingly positive.

"We now have a forward-looking, dynamic ticket. It will truly excite the country," said former Dole rival Steve Forbes, the flat-tax advocate whom Kemp endorsed during the primaries.

But a walk through downtown Russell suggested Kemp was not a surefire hit with all voters.

"Who? I don't know him. It should be a woman. They never pick a woman," complained Kaylee Karst, a clerk at Don Dawson Pharmacy, Pharmacist Mary Sturdy of nearby Hays chimed in that "since Kemp is from the East there's not a whole lot known about him here."

## NE'EMAN

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evening news magazine. Ne'emán charged that there were obstacles against religious people at the Justice Ministry. The problem was particularly acute, Ne'emán said, in the department which deals with the High Court of Justice.

Meanwhile, in a speech at Kibbutz Ga'aton, Meretz leader Yossi Sarid said his party will do everything possible to ensure that Ne'emán does not resume the post of justice minister, "even if he comes out of the investigation as white as a dove."

Ne'emán disqualified himself, Sarid said, by attacking the attorney-general and his staff and there is a real danger he would purge them if he returned to the ministry.

## SWISS

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However, Itai - who is being cared for by consular officials in Basel - is expected to be flown back here this week. Police hope that he can shed light on the disappearance of his mother and the ensuing events.

"This child must have endured terrible traumas," an officer said. "The damage he must have suffered is probably irreparable."

Detectives have been sent to Basel to question Hochberg, who withdrew all his savings before leaving.

## Jane's: Syria's air force a threat to Israel

SYRIA'S air force could pose a serious threat to Israel because of its large inventory of combat aircraft, the authoritative London-based defense publication *Jane's* said on Friday.

In a report, Jane's Sentinel Eastern Mediterranean said that while the Syrian air force lacked state-of-the-art technology it was still capable of making a lethal strike.

"Syria has a sizeable inventory of combat aircraft and a mass attack could allow it to tie up and saturate Israel's air defenses, allowing its formidable fleet of Su24 fighter-bombers to make a damaging attack on a target such as Tel Aviv," the report said.

"It is clear that the capability of the force goes far beyond a defensive posture," it said.

Israeli sources maintained that Israel could neutralize Syria's air defence system in 48 hours, the

report said.

"Israeli sources believe that parts of the (Syrian air force's) computerized system sometimes fail to function and then have to be operated manually," it said.

The publication said the Syrian air force had a cumbersome battle management structure and few spare parts and lacked some of the more advanced technological systems available.

"Syria has one of the most sophisticated Soviet-designed air defence systems outside of the former Eastern bloc countries. However, it is not up to the standards of the most advanced air defense and sensor systems developed by the Soviets," it said.

But among the Arab states of the region, Syria was pre-eminent in terms of strategic weaponry. Only Israel could claim to be more powerful in this

regard, the report said.

"To counter this, (Syrian) President (Hafez) Assad is thought to be investing heavily in a program to increase the country's stock of weapons of mass destruction," it said.

The report also said Syria was believed to have established Scud missile sites in underground bunkers which would be within easy range of IDF soldiers on the Golan Heights. (Reuter)

## King Hussein visits Saudi Arabia to boost ties

AMMAN (Reuter) - Jordan's King Hussein will travel to Saudi Arabia today for talks with King Fahd intended to put relations back on track after a five-year rupture caused by the Gulf crisis.

The meeting will be their first since Iraq's invasion of Kuwait in August 1990 when relations sank to their lowest ebb because of Amman's refusal to join an anti-Iraq alliance.

Jordanian officials said yesterday that King Hussein, who twice before was unable to meet King Fahd, got guarantees that the Saudi monarch would receive him this time.

Jordan's ties with Saudi Arabia and other Gulf states improved dramatically last August after Amman turned against Iraqi President Saddam Hussein and gave refuge to two high-level Iraqi defectors seeking to overthrow him.

Jordanian officials said the Jordan-Saudi summit would focus on the stalled Middle East peace process, ways to improve economic cooperation and tighten traditionally strong security links to counter political violence following two bombings that targeted Americans in Saudi Arabia in the past year.

"Jordan wants to lay the foundations for a proper economic and security partnership with

Saudi Arabia and its allies in the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC)," an Arab diplomat said.

Jordan, he added, was ready to share more security information and would like the GCC to hire more Jordanian workers and open markets to Jordanian goods to help ease an economic and unemployment crisis.

Most GCC countries - grouping Saudi Arabia, Oman, Bahrain, the United Arab Emirates, Kuwait and Qatar - stopped hiring Jordanians after the Gulf crisis to punish Jordan for its stand. Over 350,000 Jordanians were forced to leave Kuwait.

A reconciliation between Jordan and Saudi Arabia would also be welcomed by Washington, which was angered by Jordan in 1990 but has been strongly backing it since King Hussein signed a peace treaty with Israel in 1994.

King Fahd was not able to receive King Hussein on his first official visit to Saudi Arabia in five years last February because he was still recovering from a stroke he suffered last November.

Two years earlier, he snubbed him by refusing to see him while he performed a pilgrimage to Moslem holy sites in Saudi. His presence was ignored by the Saudi official news service.

## Suha Arafat advises Sara Netanyahu to ignore criticism

IN a gesture of solidarity, the wife of Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat has come to the defense of Sara Netanyahu, wife of Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, urging her not to let criticism get to her.

Suha Arafat said Sara Netanyahu should ignore the ruckus caused this summer when she tossed a nanny out into the street for burning a pot of soup. The nanny and other helpers have described Netanyahu as ill-tempered and verbally abusive.

"I also argue with my housekeeper sometimes... so what?" Arafat said in an interview published Friday in *Yediot Aharanot*.

"This is the best advice I can give to Sara Netanyahu: demonstrate self-confidence exactly like Hillary Clinton."

Suha Arafat, who was only 29 when she married Arafat five years ago, said she used to burst in tears over stories published about her.

"Gradually, I got stronger. And then I made a decision: let them write what they want. I will shut my eyes tight and ignore what they say about me," she said.

Press reports several months ago said Suha Arafat was pregnant with her second child, but she told the paper the reports were untrue. Her daughter, Zahwa, was born in July 1995.

Arafat said she would be happy to meet with Sara Netanyahu, but that it was too soon to initiate such a meeting.

"First [Binyamin] Netanyahu must meet with [my husband]," she said. (AP)

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# Unionists back off confrontation with nationalists in Londonderry

PRO-British marchers called off a controversial parade along the ancient ramparts of Londonderry yesterday, cooling down one potential flashpoint in a weekend of feared violence.

But hundreds of police lined the route as the main parade got under way as scheduled in the city centre with thousands of members of the Protestant Apprentice Boys association wearing traditional crimson-coloured collars and bowler hats marching to the sounds of flutes and drums.

But the Unionists said they would be back. "It is our firm intention to walk these city walls at a time of our own choosing," said Alistair Simpson, governor of the 15,000-member organization.

Asked when that would be, Simpson would only say: "It won't be today." The government had said the barricade would remain in place throughout August.

Police, backed up by British troops, were out in force yesterday as thousands of members of the Apprentice Boys and their supporters converged on the walled city going ahead.

Authorities hoped to prevent a repetition of the week of widespread street violence ignited by a dispute over a parade in Portadown last month.

Earlier, police permitted representatives of the group to raise a Union Jack - Britain's flag - on the restricted 450-meter sector of the wall. It was sealed off Wednesday after a group of Catholic residents complained about the marchers passing within sight of their homes.

Simpson's announcement got some applause from about 200 Apprentice Boys but others responded by shouting their old slogan, "No Surrender!" "It is a disgrace to the Apprentice Boys," said Nigel Savage, a member from Lurgan.

The Apprentice Boys, the city's main Protestant fraternal order, did not attempt to breach the barricades as they marched into the city for a wreath-laying at a war memorial, followed by a service at St. Columba's, the Anglican cathedral.

In south Belfast, three dozen marchers from the Walkers Apprentice Boys Club faced off with police for 10 minutes yesterday morning, then accepted that they were not going to be allowed through a Catholic area.

"We are loyal subjects. We stand for the Union Jack yet we are branded as dirt. The press only see the other side. It is scandalous," said Alice Williams, 73, who lives on the route of the Belfast parade.

That sentiment was widespread among Londonderry's Protestants.

"We feel besieged," said John South, one of about 200 Protestants who gathered Friday night around a traditional bonfire in the Fountain, central Londonderry's last Protestant neighborhood.

"We're second-class citizens now. We can't even walk our ancient walls," said South, who joined in cheering as the orange, white and green Irish flag was thrown onto the fire.

Earlier Friday, 3,000 Catholics marched peacefully to the nearby Guildhall, seat of local government, to protest Protestant plans to parade along the wall past the Catholic Bogside neighborhood.

Police briefly allowed several Apprentice Boys through the cordon of corrugated iron and barbed wire at midnight Friday so they could start their celebrations in traditional fashion by firing a small cannon mounted on the walls.

As it boomed out, several Protestant youths hurled bottles at police, but were quickly reprimanded by older colleagues.

# Chernomyrdin reappointed Russian PM, Chechnya battles rage

News agencies MOSCOW

PRESIDENT Boris Yeltsin scored a victory yesterday when the parliament's lower house granted a swift approval to his candidate for prime minister, voting overwhelmingly to keep Victor Chernomyrdin in the job.

"This victory was won with a convincing majority," said Anatoly Chubais, Yeltsin's chief of staff.

Despite fierce criticism of Chernomyrdin over the economy and battles raging in the breakaway Chechnya region for the fifth successive day, the State Duma endorsed him in a secret ballot with a hefty 314 votes to 85, with three abstentions.

Yeltsin nominated Chernomyrdin to head Russia's new government following his own re-election July 3. He formally submitted Chernomyrdin's candidacy to parliament after being sworn into office.

The president virtually dropped out of the public eye about six weeks ago and appeared tired during the Kremlin inauguration ceremony. Aides said he was planning a long vacation after the prime minister is approved.

The presidential press service said yesterday it had no new information on Yeltsin's vacation, and that the

president continued to work out of the state resort of Barvikha outside Moscow.

The approval of Chernomyrdin amounted to a decision by the communist-led opposition not to risk a confrontation with Yeltsin, who had nominated the 58-year-old premier and could have dissolved the chamber if it had rejected his candidacy three times.

The liberal *Komsomolskaya Pravda* newspaper said yesterday the hard-liners simply could not vote against Chernomyrdin because "that would mean sawing at the legs of their own chair."

"From the bottom of my heart, I thank you for your trust," Chernomyrdin told the Duma, looking exhausted but relieved after delivering a 45-minute policy speech, answering deputies' questions and sitting through their criticism.

He accepted some of the criticism and said he would bear it in mind. He also promised some adjustments in policy.

"The government cannot rest on its laurels now. Today we know how and what to do and the main thing is that we know what the main prob-

lems are," Chernomyrdin said.

Some communists voted for him, possibly for fear of losing their seats if Yeltsin dissolved the chamber and called an election, but also knowing Yeltsin could nominate a candidate even less to their liking if they rejected Chernomyrdin.

Zyuganov made clear his party would be ready to challenge Chernomyrdin if he failed to carry out his promises.

"One hundred days of the new government's work will show whether it can bring Russia out of crisis," Interfax news agency quoted him as saying.

Chernomyrdin, who first took office in December 1992, said he would name his cabinet within days and vowed to guide Russia into a new era of economic growth with better living standards.

He committed himself to "adequate measures" to end the conflict in Chechnya and promised to launch an investigation into a humiliating rebel Chechen offensive in which hundreds of Russian soldiers have been killed or wounded since Tuesday.

But he said the only way to peace

was through negotiations and added: "A completely military solution is a dead end."

Yeltsin declared yesterday a day of mourning for people killed in the fighting and flags flew at half mast in Moscow.

Battles raged on in the Chechen capital Grozny as the rebels put up fierce resistance to a new Russian army assault.

"The situation is difficult. However I will tell you that, today, now, as I stand before you on the podium...the initiative has passed to the federal forces," Defense Minister Igor Rodionov told the Duma after Chernomyrdin's reappointment.

But rebel spokesman Movladi Udugov said at 5.30 p.m. the guerrillas were still in command of the center.

Yeltsin responded to the rebel attack on Grozny by appointing security supremo Alexander Lebed his representative in Chechnya in place of First Deputy Prime Minister Oleg Lobov.

Yeltsin has vowed to put down the offensive but said talks were the only way to settle the 20-month-old conflict. The rebels want full independence but Yeltsin has ruled this out.

# Motorbikers, cyclists rally for reunification of Cyprus

LIMASSOL (AP) - Two hundred foreign bikers arrived by boat yesterday to join hundreds of Greek Cypriot motorcyclists in a planned protest against the Turkish occupation of the northern part of the Mediterranean island.

Turkish authorities have warned that their security forces will open fire if any try to cross a UN buffer zone that splits the island into Greek and Turkish sectors.

President Glafcos Clerides, the Greek Cypriot leader, appealed to the motorcyclists not to cross the buffer zone and cause bloodshed.

But George Hadjicosta, president of the Cyprus Motorcyclists Federation, repeatedly stressed the protest is meant to show how Turkey prevents Greek Cypriots from travelling freely to their homes in the north.

Cyprus has been unofficially partitioned since July 1974 when Turkey invaded and occupied the northern one-third of the island following a short-lived coup by supporters of union with Greece.

The Turkish-held sector was proclaimed a breakaway Turkish Cypriot state in 1983, but is recognized only by Ankara.

Some 200,000 Greek Cypriots fled to the south in 1974, while

some 70,000 Turkish Cypriots moved north.

Thousands of Greek Cypriot and Turkish troops and police, as well as the 1,200-strong UN peacekeeping force, are on full alert along the 180-km Green Line.

Turkish troops have been planting mines and erecting barbed wire barricades at sensitive points to prevent any motorcyclists breaking through.

More than 2,000 Greek Cypriot bikers will join the 200 members of the European Federation of Motorcyclists and others who arrived from Greece after a journey that began in Berlin eight days ago.

Simon Millward, British President of the federation, said that starting the ride in Berlin "was symbolic, in the sense that Berlin which was a divided capital is now united, while the Cypriot capital, Nicosia, is now the only divided capital in the world."

As the bikers' ferry docked in the southern port of Limassol boats in the harbour sounded their sirens while thousands of well-wishers cheered on the dockside.

The foreign group consists of 14 European delegations, each of 10 bikers, 40 from Greece, with smaller numbers from the United States and Canada.

# Jet engine inventor Sir Frank Whittle dies, 89

BALTIMORE, Md (Reuter) - Sir Frank Whittle, who invented the jet engine but had to fight for its recognition as a revolutionary aviation technology, has died at the age of 89, his wife said yesterday.

A spokeswoman for Britain's Royal Aeronautical Society said in London that Whittle had been ill for some time and that he died of lung cancer.

Whittle had lived near Baltimore in Columbia, Maryland, since 1976. He retired in 1979 from an adjunct professorship at the US Naval Academy, where he had been research professor in aerospace engineering.

Whittle, who came from a working class background, invented the jet engine in 1928 when he was a young Royal Air Force cadet.

Whittle's work put Britain at the forefront of aircraft technology during the 1940s and 50s.

Whittle once told biographer John Golley he developed the jet engine in a quest for a powerplant that would take airplanes faster and higher.

"I was thinking in terms of a speed of 800 kph in the stratosphere at heights where air density was less than one-quarter of its sea-level value," he said, according to a history of the jet engine by the American Society of Mechanical Engineers.

British government bureaucrats at first called his invention, which Whittle patented in 1930, over-optimistic and refused to develop it. In 1935 he decided not to renew his patent due to the lack of support.

But the bureaucrats and the rest of the world were forced to recognise its value after Germany made the first jet flight in 1939. The plane used a turbojet engine developed separately from Whittle by German Hans von Ohain.

Germany's Messerschmitt Me 262, the first production jet fighter, first saw battle in 1944.

Britain's first jet flight came in 1941, but the jet engine did not go into production in Britain until 1947. "They were in a hurry once they got it going," said his widow, Lady Hazel.

Whittle was knighted in 1948 and received £100,000 (then \$400,000) reward for his contribution to flight. In the same year he retired from the RAF and began working for aircraft corporations.

He emigrated to the US in 1947 and began theoretical research into jet propulsion for the US Air Force at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, Ohio.

# Kashmir hostages spotted

NEW DELHI (AP) - Four Western hostages kidnapped by Kashmiri separatists more than one year ago were seen last week by villagers in the insurgency-wracked northern state, a news agency reported yesterday quoting the state's governor.

Villagers in the Kishtwar area of Jammu-Kashmir had reported seeing all the four hostages who appeared to be in good health. Gov. Krishna Rao was quoted as saying by United News of India.

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# Officials blamed as corpses pulled from Spanish mud

RESCUERS yesterday pulled more bodies out of the mud and debris left by flash floods that killed at least 81 vacationers at a campground near the French border.

While relatives arrived in the popular Pyrenees Mountain tourist region to identify bodies, the search continued for at least 20 other people missing from the roughly 650 campers caught in the flood's path.

Officials yesterday said 81 bodies have been recovered.

With the country still in shock over the disaster, attention shifted to the cause of the mudslide, triggered by heavy rains on Wednesday night.

"What happened?" was the question repeated by bewildered survivors and locals erring among flattened caravans and debris on the former site of the "Virgen de las Nieves" (Virgin of the Snows) campsite in the Pyrenees near the French border.

Meanwhile, environmental groups blamed the accident on government officials, saying they ignored warnings that the campsite lay at the bottom of a steep mountain ravine prone to flooding.

The Committee of Environmental Defence Groups (CODA), which groups most of Spain's ecological organizations, said the campsite's location in a drainage zone for mountain rainfall meant it was an accident waiting to happen.

"What happened is an event

News agencies  
BIESCAS, Spain

that, even though it is sporadic, is not therefore abnormal," CODA said in a report. "The danger was there and sooner or later what happened was bound to occur."

The Green Party said local authorities were guilty of "criminal negligence" for issuing the campsite with a permit, although there was no suggestion the owner had broken any rules.

National radio reported that a local judge will begin investigating the causes of the flooding.

The Aragon regional government countered that the kind of torrential rainfall that set off the flood is impossible to predict, and denied planners could have foreseen the risk.

Addressing the media Friday evening, a teary-eyed Luis Bardaji, the owner of the campsite, said the campgrounds fulfilled all the legal requirements and that he was also a victim of the flood.

"Theoretically, it shouldn't happen again for a thousand years," the regional government said in a statement.

Deputy Prime Minister Francisco Alvarez Cascos and Environment Minister Isabel Tocino, who both inspected the damage first-hand on Friday, agreed that the mudslide could not have been prevented.

"It was totally unpredictable," said Tocino. "We are

not in the process of attributing blame but of establishing the facts and preventing a similar catastrophe from occurring."

Some 600 rescue workers focused their search on a reservoir 15 km down the River Gallego from the camp, and in muddy fields strewn with boulders, debris from fallen trees and the remains of cars and campers twisted and tossed during Wednesday's storm.

"I don't think any of us, even those who didn't suffer a loss, will forget this horror anytime soon," said Angel Molina, who held his wife and child as their camper was dragged some 60 meters by the floodwaters.

The flood appears to have been caused by a larger than usual rainfall that amassed into a giant wall of water behind a concrete walking bridge and a line of mountain trees above the campsite.

Eventually, the mass of water split the bridge into pieces unleashing two massive flash floods - as high as four meters - into the Las Nieves campground.

Many of the bodies remain in a skating rink in the skiing resort town of Jaca, 30 km west of the campsite.

Officials feared that rains, expected last night, could hamper efforts to locate other bodies.

The campsite was built within the last 10 years at an altitude of 850 meters in mountains that form the border between France and Spain.



A Spanish Civil Guard diver enters the water in an attempt to find more victims of the flood in which at least 80 holidaymakers are believed to have died. A torrent of mud and rocks swept through a campsite in the Spanish Pyrenees city of Biescas on August 7. (Reuters)

# 15 die of food poisoning in Bombay

BOMBAY (Reuters) - Nine more people died of food poisoning in India's commercial capital Bombay yesterday, taking the toll to 15 in a mysterious outbreak baffling doctors.

Authorities said 49 others were in critical condition. A total of more than 110 were made ill by contaminated food eaten at a canteen in a nearby textile town last Tuesday.

Health officials are still unable to identify the cause of the outbreak despite dozens of chemical and biological tests and said they might call in a team from the premier epidemiological institute, the Centres for Disease Control (CDC) in Atlanta.

"Despite all the tests and toxicological investigations, everything is clouded and we still remain baffled," said Debashis Bhattacharya, a surgery professor at a city hospital.

"We are thinking of calling in a CDC team, with the help of the WHO (World Health Organisation)," he said.

Experts have tested for 37 different types of substance, authorities said, but all had turned up negative. Autopsies and tests of patients' body

fluids failed to show anything.

Officials suspect the culprit may be botulism, though most patients have shown only a few symptoms of this disease.

Botulism is caused by improperly canned or preserved food contaminated with a toxin produced by the bacteria Clostridium botulinum, experts said.

Emergency supplies of polyvalent botulin anti-toxin were being flown in from Poland, since none are available in India, officials said. They are expected to arrive today.

"But even that is not a magic cure," said Bhattacharya. "We have to be very careful administering an anti-toxin to a patient who doesn't show the symptoms of botulism, just because botulism is only faintly suspected."

The victims, all men, complained of giddiness, vomiting, abdominal pains and body ache within hours of eating the food at a canteen in the textile town of Bhiwandi, 125 km from Bombay.

The proprietor of the canteen which served the food has himself fallen ill with the disease, as have two of his staff.

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ROME

ITALY has opened a fresh war crimes probe into two former SS officers suspected of overseeing the deportation of more than 6,000 people to Nazi death camps during World War II.

The new attorney for former SS captain Erich Priebke yesterday lodged a formal complaint against Italy's justice minister, contending there were no grounds to rearrest his client after a military tribunal ordered him freed at the end of a war crimes trial.

"Judging by the documents in our possession there exists no proof that at 2:15 a.m. on Aug. 2 there had been an request for a temporary arrest warrant by anybody for Priebke," Carlo Taormina, one of Italy's top attorneys, told reporters after presenting the complaint to judicial authorities.

Defense Minister Beniamino Andreatta said military prosecutors in the northern towns of La Spezia and Verona had launched the investigation into former SS lieutenant Karl Titho and his assistant Hans Haage, who now both live in Germany.

"Prosecutors have placed Karl Titho and Hans Haage under investigation for violence and homicide against civilians and repeated violence against prisoners of war," Andreatta

said in a statement.

The probe comes hard on the heels of the Priebke trial which ended last week in controversy after a military court ruled he could not be punished for taking part in a massacre of 335 people.

Hours after the decision he was re-arrested and returned to prison while Germany tries to have him extradited.

Prosecutors say Titho, 85, and Haage, 90, ran a camp at Fossoli di Carpi, near Modena in northern Italy, which shipped thousands of Italian Jews, Roman Catholics and foreigners to their deaths at Auschwitz in southern Poland.

They also allege the two executed of 67 prisoners outside the Fossoli camp in the town of Cibeno on July 12, 1944.

Prosecutors believe Titho and Haage rounded up 70 men - Italian officers, partisans and US secret service agents - and shot them dead in groups of 25 as a reprisal for the killing of seven Nazis by partisans in Genoa. Three prisoners managed to escape death.

Andreatta said international police agency Interpol had found that Titho, was living in the German town of Bad Meinberg Horn while former warrant officer Haage, was living in a small town in Bavaria.

Neither man was ever tried for the massacre after an Italian investigation was "temporarily shelved" in 1960.

But the case was reopened in 1994 when the existence of hundreds of files documenting Nazi crimes were brought to light in Italy after Priebke was found living openly in Argentina.

They were subsequently sent to military prosecutors across Italy for examination, with the files on the Fossoli camp and the execution at Cibeno landing on the desks of prosecutors in La Spezia and Verona.

"Now, 50 years after these tragic events, the dossiers have been opened and light can be shed on these atrocities," said leftist senator Luciano Guerzoni.

Priebke is being held in a Rome jail while former SS major Karl Hass, who also took part in the 1944 Ardeatine Caves massacre of 335 Italians, is under house arrest in Italy. Germany has said it wants to extradite both men for war crimes trials there.

# Italy opens new Nazi probe

# Fergie blocks new scandal book

DUCHESS of York Sarah Ferguson, nicknamed "Fergie" by Britain's tabloid press, has won a court injunction preventing publication of a kiss-and-tell book about her relationship with American businessman John Bryan.

The divorced wife of Prince Andrew, who four years ago was pictured cavorting topless with Bryan, was granted the injunction against the proposed book, which publishers described as "an explosive account" of their relationship.

Fergie, her secret life was to have been written by Allan Starkie, a former friend of Bryan's. Bryan himself was declared bankrupt by a London court this week in an action

bought by the Duchess of York's sister.

Fergie has never been able to live down the worldwide publication in 1992 of pictures showing Bryan sucking her toes at a French villa shortly after her separation from Andrew, Queen Elizabeth's second son.

The couple divorced earlier this year but remain good friends. They jointly threw a party Friday to mark the 10th anniversary of their own marriage, even though it ended four months ago.

But Andrew spent the early hours of the party night gazing

into the eyes of an old flame, American-born Koo Stark, the *Daily Mirror* said yesterday.

The romantic interlude came after society photographer Stark, 40, arrived alone at the 36-year-old prince's country home for the party, and sat next to him at dinner. The two danced together before kissing goodnight at three in the morning, it reported, quoting unnamed party guests.

"They only had eyes for each other, dancing cheek to cheek," ran its headline under a story with an "exclusive tag."

"You could tell the old spark was back. They just kept looking at each other," it quoted one party-goer as saying.

The prince first met Stark in 1981 when she was said to have captured his heart, but any romance was brief as she wed another man, Tim Jefferies, three years later.

The marriage did not last, and Stark abandoned plans for a second marriage, to public relations executive Bertie Way last year, the *Mirror* said.

Of the queen's four children, two have been divorced and a third, royal heir Prince Charles, is in the process of dissolving a marriage to Princess Diana. But only one, Princess Anne, has remarried.

# Mongolia isolates two cities from cholera

ULAN BATOR (Reuters) - Mongolia isolated two major northern cities yesterday and threw a security net around the capital, Ulan Bator, after an outbreak of cholera that has killed six people and infected 39.

"There is no guarantee of keeping cholera out of the capital," one health official said. "Many people have come here before the cholera-affected areas were isolated."

In Khoetol county in northern Selenge province that borders

Russia and where the outbreak started, four people had died and 31 were reported sick, two of them in critical condition, officials said.

"We have established a field hospital with 200 beds in Khoetol county today," said county chief Bat-Erdene.

"Civil defense troops and police are now guarding the county borders," he said.

Health officials said the cholera had probably been spread by contaminated food and officials

warned the public not to drink unboiled water.

To try to isolate the disease, all rail connections had been cut between the capital, Ulan Bator, and Darkhan, Mongolia's second city and capital of Selenge province, as well as with Erdenet, capital of a neighbouring northern province, Mongolian Television said in an evening broadcast.

Police in Ulan Bator had been placed on alert to be ready to limit travel in and out of the city at any time.

# S. African chauffeur invented kidnapping of tourists

JOHANNESBURG (Reuters) - A chauffeur who sparked a massive hunt for three foreign tourists he claimed had been abducted confessed yesterday he was lying, ending a two-day drama that South Africans fear tarnished their image abroad.

An angry police spokesman said driver Peter Manyekane had admitted that the well-spoken British businessmen, kidnapped by armed gangsters who stole his taxi in crime-ridden Johannesburg, were figments of his imagination.

"He made up the story," Captain Jan Combrinck told a news conference. "This complainant had us on a witch-hunt."

The driver, apparently moonlighting by using his boss's luxury-tour minibus as an ordinary taxi, was indeed hijacked in the rough black township of Alexandra and, fearing the repercussions, spun a story he thought might save him.

More than 100 police officers, with highway patrols and helicopters, spent two days hunting for the elusive tourists who were supposedly hijacked on the way from the airport to a hotel.

They could not be found even after the grey Volkswagen, stripped of fittings, was recovered on Friday between shacks in Alexandria, next to the plush once whites-only Sandton suburb where many tourists stay.

Newspapers and radio commentators lamented the seemingly unstoppable crime wave that many fear will scare much-needed foreign tourists and investors from a country referred to locally as the most dan-

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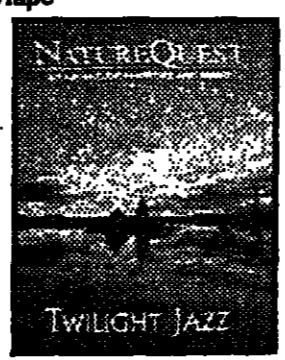
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# Cancer therapy that 'fools' the body

JUDY SIEGEL-ITZKOVICH

THE conventional way of grappling with cancer and autoimmune disorders has been to develop a treatment specifically for each disease, like a key fitting into a lock. It hasn't always worked.

But now, Israeli researchers are taking a step back to get a broader picture and using immunological therapy. Attempting to destroy any type of cancer, they "trick" the body into recognizing tumor cells as enemies.

To deal with autoimmune diseases, they "fool" the body into regarding as "friendly" those tissues it had previously recognized as "alien" and attacked mercilessly.

A \$5 million investment by the Illinois-based medical technology company Baxter International Inc. is giving a welcome boost to the bone-marrow transplantation unit and the cancer immunobiology research program at Hadassah-University Hospital in Jerusalem's Ein Kerem. The international giant, which has a \$10 billion annual budget, has helped establish the Baxter-Hadassah Research Center at the hospital.

The joint venture began nearly three years ago, when Baxter and Hadassah launched a long-term program to share resources on important research projects that both organizations had been pursuing independently.

Occupying the entire third floor of the hospital's Uman Building, the 1,000-square-meter complex is equipped with the "most advanced technology in the world," according to Prof. Shimon Slavin, its director and also head of the bone-marrow transplantation unit. Since \$3 million of the total sum has been invested in infrastructure, Slavin says he is already running the new center on a tight budget.

"We are a pioneering facility in basic research and pre-clinical research, aiming to bring the best and most promising technologies to the patient's bedside," he says, unable to think of comparable facilities anywhere else in the world. Baxter chose Hadassah "because of its unique work in the field of cell therapy during the past decade."

"The immune system is involved in many major disorders, including cancer, autoimmune diseases, as

well as AIDS," Slavin notes. "Thus, we are using broad approaches to manipulate the immune-system apparatus in the body." Baxter's investment gives the company full commercial rights to any products developed at the center under the collaborative research agreement with Hadassah.

At the official dedication ceremony at the end of July, Baxter's chairman and chief executive officer sent a message saying that the new center represents the company's "significant research and development presence in Israel in order to increase our capability to meet the world's health-care needs." David Jonas, Baxter vice-president and CEO of its renal division, said at the ceremony that the center will serve as the national bone-marrow transplant center for the entire country and a referral center for patients and medical teams from all over the world.

Baxter became interested in Slavin's work because of its own involvement in medical equipment dealing with blood and blood products: cell separators, blood transfusion bags and other devices.

The 60,000-employee company received some unwelcome publicity a few years ago when it was found guilty in a US court of complying with the Arab boycott, and fined.

"But ironically," says Slavin, "this occurred after our contact with Baxter had already been established. We are very pleased by our connection with the company, and hope the five-year contract will eventually be extended further."

The center will not be solely a basic-research facility in which scientists conduct lab experiments to unearth additional pieces of nature's secrets. Slavin says that discoveries are implemented as soon as possible to benefit patients at Hadassah.

In their work (in cooperation with the neurology department) on multiple sclerosis - the autoimmune disease in which the immune system mistakenly attacks the myelin coating of nerves because it views it as a "foreign intruder" - Dr. Dmitri Karusski and Slavin have achieved a 100% cure of mice suffering from the MS-equivalent disease in rodents.

In this process, they "re-educate" the immune system. "Since you can't teach an old dog new tricks," Slavin explains, "we kill the troublesome T cells, inject stem cells derived from blood and 'teach' the new cells to recognize the body as 'self.' This, in effect, is a way of turning the body's biological clock backwards, as if the patients were neonates with a more rudimentary immune system. We have performed this procedure on patients suffering both from cancer and autoimmune disease and have received approval to start it on a patient with severe lupus erythematosus." The anticipated side-effects of the therapy, he adds, should be minimal.

With cancer, the technique is similar but rather like a mirror image of that for autoimmune disease. The body of a cancer patient is normally unable to fight off tumor cells. But certain cells can be injected into the patient that recognize the tumor as an enemy that must be overcome. Some of the treatments can be done on an outpatient basis, while others are performed while the patient is kept for several days or weeks in the ward.

Slavin notes that without Baxter's infusion of money, his unit would not have been able to carry out so many advanced projects at once and at such a rapid pace.

When the initial Baxter-Hadassah contract expires in five years, Slavin hopes the project will be extended and expanded. "I regard our techniques as elegant immunotherapy, meaning that they don't bombard all the body's cells using non-selective chemotherapy and irradiation, but work more intensively on immune-mediated anti-cancer effects."

"We use biological warfare instead of chemical warfare. I can't say now whether this immunotherapy technique will eventually replace high-dose chemotherapy and radiotherapy for cancer, or other treatments for autoimmune diseases, even though it is considerably cheaper than conventional therapies. Initially, we will use our techniques on patients whose conventional therapy has failed. But later, we'll be able to introduce them at an earlier stage of the illness, and use them in conjunction with conventional treatments."

# Haredi volunteers to the rescue

JUDY SIEGEL-ITZKOVICH

FOR a few hours last June, Rabbi Avraham Elimelech Firer traded his black hassidic hat for a black, tasseled mortarboard. The Bnei Brak resident, who has never studied in a secular institution - let alone a college - received an honorary doctorate from Bar-Ilan University.

Firer, a father of 10 children aged three to 18, who had intended to spend his life studying Torah and Talmud, founded the Ezra Le'Marpeh medical support organization in 1979. The non-profit body, which assists people of all backgrounds (over 90 percent of the people served by Ezra Le'Marpeh are not religious, thus Firer is well accustomed to men who don't wear kippot and women who don't dress as modestly as he would like), lends out medical equipment, flies patients to medical centers around the world, provides free ambulance service, imports rare medicines, collects emergency blood donations, runs first-aid courses and refers patients to qualified medical specialists here and abroad.

Firer, a Belz hassid who studied in Bnei Brak yeshivot, taught himself English and as well as being highly conversant in English, he understands medical jargon. Mention professional terms such as "transposition of the great arteries" and he knows exactly what such surgery involves and who can perform it best.

FIRER DID not hesitate when Bar-Ilan University officials asked if he would accept an honorary doctorate at its June 5 graduation ceremonies, along with Rabbi Adin Steinsaltz, Prof. Aharon Appelfeld and other prominent people, in the presence of the State Comptroller, Miriam Ben-Porat. It was his first honorary doctorate (he turned down one offered from a European university), and even though his children are unlikely ever to be university students, Firer agreed to accept the honor on condition that he would not be required to speak. "I didn't want the publicity for myself, but I thought it would be good for Ezra Le'Marpeh," says



Rabbi Avraham Elimelech Firer shakes hands with Bar-Ilan University chancellor Emanuel Rackman while president Moshe Kavesh (right) looks on.

and arrival at the desired destination. This includes scheduling his appointment abroad, arranging for a host family, translation of medical documents to the local language, flight arrangements (including lending an intensive-care kit and attaching it to the plane seats) and transferring the patient in an ambulance to and from the airports.

IN CASES where expert medical opinion from local or foreign specialists is necessary, the organization makes copies of tests to make consultation possible. Several of the organization's volunteers have been specially trained in making these copies. Some 6,000 such copies are made annually.

Many of these tasks are filled mostly by male volunteers. Women are especially helpful in visiting the sick and helping the patient to remain at home. "Often, it just requires an hour's visit, even taking patients out so they can feel in touch with the world," says Firer. "The organization also keeps a computerized file of potential blood donors, listed by rare blood type, to supply pints in emergencies. First aid and resuscitation courses are also organized with help from MDA, and graduates are especially busy during nurses' strikes, war or other emergencies. The organization has nine ambulances, including one specially designed for the transfer of premature infants. Ezra Le'Marpeh ambulances transfer patients at no cost from their home to medical treatment facilities and back. Nearly 10,000 patients benefit from this service each year. Firer leaves the emergencies to Magen David Adom.

Firer has busy days - and nights - and regularly sits in the organization's headquarters to receive the public. He goes to bed at 2.30 a.m., only to wake up five hours later to start work again. "My wife is very supportive of my work," he says, when asked if he intends to continue this mad rush indefinitely. "It would be nice to devote all my time to study, but for the foreseeable future, I think this work is very much worth doing."

Firer. A few years ago, Firer and his organization were honored to receive the President's Volunteer Prize and a citation from the Speaker of the Knesset.

The national voluntary organization, which is run by only nine paid staffers (mostly ambulance drivers working 16 hours a day) and hundreds of volunteers, was established in the way several others, such as Yad Sarah, were: there was a need. "A friend needed a piece of medical equipment that was hard to obtain, and we managed to get it for him," he explains. Today, Ezra Le'Marpeh owns over \$3 million worth of highly sophisticated medical equipment, including many costly pieces not available from Yad Sarah or other organizations. About 50,000 patients borrowed equipment last year. Among this, says Firer, is a computerized pump for injecting pain-killing morphine into children with terminal cancer who want to remain at home. The organization is able

to care simultaneously for 10 terminal cancer patients at home under its unique Meitav program. Some of them are lent personal computers to keep them occupied.

Another well-known service of the country-wide, Bnei Brak-based organization, is flying patients abroad. For a while, Ezra Le'Marpeh managed to raise funds to cover the costs of those who could not be treated here and whose health funds refused to pay expenses. However, due to the rising costs and the increased demand, such a project would be prohibitively expensive.

Instead, when a patient's doctor recommends treatment abroad because of little experience with a specific condition - or when a patient insists on being treated abroad - the patient must cover medical costs himself or get a commitment from his health fund. Ezra Le'Marpeh takes care of all the necessary arrangements to ensure the patient's safe transfer



BGU faculty member Dr. Riyadh Agabriya (left), health sciences faculty dean Prof. Shraga Segal (third from left) and president Dr. Avishai Braverman (fourth from left) stand with some of the 90 Beduin high schoolers involved in a prep program sponsored by the university.

# First 'prep school' for Beduins opens

HEALTH SCAN  
POST HEALTH REPORTER

EAGER to cultivate an interest in science and medicine among a group of 90 Beduin high school pupils, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev has organized a special preparatory program for them that includes college courses and visits to Soroka Hospital.

The unique project was initiated by Prof. Shraga Segal, dean of the health sciences faculty, and Dr. Riyadh Agabriya, a faculty member, to deal with the serious lack of medical manpower in the Beduin sector. BGU president Dr. Avishai Braverman quickly gave the project his blessing.

The 10th graders are taking a summer course at BGU in biology and basic sciences. Thirty of the best will proceed to a two-year preparatory program that will greatly increase their chances of admission to the health sciences faculty at the Beersheba university. "This is the first effort to create a university-affiliated high school for the Beduin community; in the next stage, they will be tutored in psychology and the exact sciences as well," Agabriya says.

ME-OWWWW

It may be best for children not to cuddle and kiss their pet cats, according to researchers in South Australia whose findings were reported in a recent issue of *New Scientist*. The researchers, from Royal Adelaide Hospital, found that close contact with cats before puberty may lead to rheumatoid arthritis in later life. Some pets, they suggest, may harbor microorganisms that can trigger the body's immune system into attacking joints.

In a retrospective study of 112 arthritis patients and a control group who were healthy, they found that those with the disease are more than twice as likely as non-sufferers to have spent a lot of time with cats

between the ages of 10 and 15. A weaker link was established between child contact with parakeets and subsequent rheumatoid arthritis.

BEWARE OF REPTILES' BUGS

And while you're at it, you might want to keep babies and young children away from pet reptiles. Four Ohio infants contracted salmonella intestinal infections this year from their families' pet reptiles - three iguanas and a snake, according to Akron's Children's Hospital Medical Center.

Reuter reports that the snake had been "bathed" in the family bathtub. In the other cases, adults may have transmitted the organism after contact with reptilian pets or their cages. Salmonella, which lives in the intestines of 90 percent of all turtles and other reptiles and is also often associated with food poisoning, may cause vomiting, diarrhea, fever and lethargy.

Over seven million pet reptiles live in about US households, about 800,000 of them iguanas. The US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends that children younger than five, pregnant women, AIDS patients and others at high risk of infection avoid reptiles. Child-care centers have been advised not to keep reptiles.

Wash your hands after handling the animals or their cages, which should be kept away from the kitchen and food preparation areas. Kitchen sinks should not be used to wash food dishes, cages, aquariums or the reptiles. CDC said.

NEW L. 3 EVERY DAY

If you're cleaning your contact lenses daily and have money to burn, you can buy soft lenses that

you wear one day and throw away. The new imported product from Bausch & Lomb, called Softlens 66, costs between NIS 500 and a few thousand shekels for a year's supply, depending on the power of the lens.

al contact lenses have a long life of two years. But they have to be cleaned with solutions scrupulously or they can cause infections and even endanger the user's sight. More recently, companies have developed disposable lenses that can be worn for a few months, a month or a week at a time. But ophthalmologists warn that long-term wear is risky, since the one-day lenses were born. According to the company, many people who need and want contact lenses sick to glasses because they haven't the patience for the cleaning ritual.

For those who can't afford replacing them daily, users can set them aside for when they do army reserve duty, are on hikes or are in other circumstances that make cleaning lenses difficult. Softlens lenses are available at opticians' shops.

FACING THE MUSIC

Williams Syndrome, the result of a rare genetic defect, causes physical problems, defective motor ability and mental disability of varying degrees. However, scientists have found that many sufferers have extremely sensitive hearing and some of language capabilities, and some of them are excellent in music.

Last week, a special summer camp for children with Williams Syndrome was held to promote the development of their musical ability. The children's families were invited to participate in the camp, which was held under the supervi-

# Drink water, any water to help prevent kidney stones

MY wife is 58 and has a tendency to develop kidney stones. When she is abroad and drinks Volvic mineral water, she has no problems. When she drinks Israeli tap water, or local mineral water, she has difficulties. Is there a connection between the type of water one drinks and kidney stones? If she were able to get Volvic mineral water from abroad, would that solve her problem? E.H., Jerusalem.

Prof. Uri Lieberman, a kidney-stone expert in the metabolic unit at the Rabin Medical Center-Beilinson Campus, replies:

Kidney stones form as a result of high concentrations of certain substances (including minerals) in the urine. The higher the concentration, the greater the risk of them forming stones. Therefore, to reduce the risk in people with a tendency to produce kidney stones, we recommend drinking a lot of water. We suggest tap water, and regard mineral water as an unnecessary expense. The average amount of calcium in the National Water Carrier's water is 70 milligrams per liter, which is not very high. Some bottled mineral waters may have somewhat less, but it is not necessarily significant.

Your wife should undergo urine tests and other tests to determine exactly why she has a tendency to form stones. Her doctor may be able to recommend a way to prevent this or reduce the risk. Drinking a different type of water is unlikely to do so.

I read your Health Page feature on early diagnosis of physical problems through the nails. I was

wondering whether mental illnesses or emotional problems can be diagnosed from the nails as well. V.B., Ariel.

Prof. Sarah Brenner, head of dermatology at Tel Aviv's Ichilov Hospital and editor of a booklet on early diagnosis of diseases from examining the nails, comments:

People suffering from tics due to tension may show signs of it in their nails. The condition can lead to tearing the skin around the cuticle and rubbing of the fingers together. This can be picked up by doctors with expertise in this field. Also, people who chew their fingernails are often very tense.

Certain symptoms of mental illness, such as schizophrenia, may appear in the nails of some people. But since these are not characteristic symptoms of the emotionally disturbed alone and appear in the nails of completely healthy people, they are not helpful in diagnosing such problems.

I am a 70-year-old woman. The pressure in my eye was last measured was 20/20, even though I use Betagan drops that are supposed to bring it down. Other drops that I previously used caused my eyes to smart. As I fear blindness more than death, and have the feeling that my doctor is not taking my condition seriously, I'd like to know at what point the inner pressure of the eyes is considered to be so high that it endangers one's eyesight and can be called glaucoma. Can a wors-

ening suddenly occur? Are there danger signals? Should I use them more often than my doctor prescribed (once a day)? How frequently should the pressure be measured? E.V., Petah Tikva.

Dr. Itamar Klempner, a senior ophthalmologist at Soroka Hospital in Beersheba, comments:

Glaucoma develops gradually and there are no early symptoms. Fluid pressure in the eye should be measured regularly, depending on whether there has been a deterioration in the condition of the optic nerve and your field of vision. Your doctor apparently is not "worried" by your pressure, which is at the upper limit of the norm, because he hasn't seen such deterioration.

If the pressure reading (frequency depends on each case) shows a worsening of your condition, other drugs - including a combination of drops and pills - can be given. Don't use the pills more often than prescribed. If the worst comes to the worst, surgery could be performed to relieve the fluid's pressure on the optic nerve.

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Unacceptable kippa-counting

HAD not Justice Minister Ya'acov Ne'eman already resigned, the calls for him to go certainly would be mounting after his ill-advised remarks on the Yoman news magazine Friday night. Ne'eman said there is a barrier blocking the employment of religious people in the Justice Ministry...

ponent, as being anti-religious. While the majority of Israel's Jews can hardly be labeled Orthodox in their beliefs and practices, respect for Jewish tradition and a desire that their children receive a good Jewish education are important for most so-called secular Jews.

However, this positive regard for religion is quickly negated if non-observant Jews feel that the Orthodox and haredi sectors want to forcefully impose their way of life on them or are seeking to introduce quotas in the workforce. In Jerusalem, aside from the battle over the Shabbat closure of Rehov Bar-Ilan, more than 30 women employees of the Education Ministry have, over the past six weeks, been either verbally abused or physically attacked for wearing what some haredim deem immodest dress.

These attacks come from extreme fringes within the haredi world and the religious sector as a whole should not be held responsible for their actions. But it is puzzling that Education Minister Zevulun Hammer, the leader of the National Religious Party, has not seen fit to issue, at the very least, some statement condemning these unwarranted attacks on his ministry's employees.

Meanwhile, Ne'eman's kippa-counting in the offices of the Justice Ministry is also playing with fire. For a justice minister to charge that his ministry discriminates against the religious, without providing clear proof of his allegation, harms the ministry and the whole legal establishment. It also raises serious doubts as to that person's suitability to hold the ministry's top job.

There is no dispute that Ne'eman behaved impeccably in tendering his resignation the minute the attorney-general ordered the police investigation; in so doing the justice minister set a new precedent of exemplary ministerial behavior. Unfortunately, it seems Ne'eman has a blind spot regarding the propriety of checking the religious beliefs of civil servants. When he entered the ministry, Ne'eman claimed its staff opposed his appointment because he was observant — a piece of arrant nonsense easily disproved by the successful and harmonious tenure of kippa-wearing Moshe Nissim (the son of a former chief rabbi) as justice minister in the Shamir government. Furthermore, claiming that a particular department is discriminating against religious employees is to make a mockery of proper government hiring procedures. One can only imagine the outcry if a government minister claimed there were too many religious people in positions of authority.

Indeed, the previous government lost its mandate not only because of opposition to its handling of the peace process but also because it was seen, mainly due to its strident Meretz com-

Victory for stability

RUSSIA'S parliament again opted for stability yesterday when its lower house, by 314 to 85 votes, overwhelmingly approved keeping Victor Chernomyrdin in his job as prime minister. The appointment set the final seal on President Boris Yeltsin's recent reelection and was another victory for pragmatists and moderates in the troubled country.

Communists voted for him only because they took seriously Yeltsin's threat to exercise his right to dissolve parliament if they rejected his candidate. In economically troubled Russia, even Duma deputies are taking care to hang on to their parliamentary seats and secure jobs.

Chernomyrdin sounded less confident on the vexed question of the Chechen rebellion, promising only to take "adequate measures" to end the conflict. But the best he could offer was a post facto investigation into last week's humiliating Chechen assault on Grozny which has left hundreds of Russian soldiers dead or wounded and Yeltsin's pre-election peace treaty in tatters. Chernomyrdin glumly conceded that "a military solution is a dead end" but offered no opinion on how Moscow is going to extract itself from the bloody military quagmire.

The prime minister was on firmer ground when he came to make economic promises, such as raising national output by 14-15 percent by the turn of the century — production is just half what it was when the new economic drive began in 1992. It is clear Chernomyrdin realizes that the issue is not purely economic. In the deep-seated disillusion with market reform in Russia, economics have a serious social dimension — the potential for domestic chaos.

Nonetheless, the prime minister had a small gift for his re-election — figures showing that his battle with inflation is one of Russia's rare economic success stories. The monthly rate fell to a sixth successive low of 0.7 percent in July from 1.2 percent in June. In January 1995 it stood at 17.8 percent. Inflation for the year can now get down to below 25 percent, compared with 131 percent last year. With June output also two percent higher than in May, Chernomyrdin may take cheer from these omens that the long period of economic decline could be drawing to an end. He deserves congratulations on his impressive re-election and the best wishes and support of the international community for his new term.

Chernomyrdin has come far from his days as Soviet technocrat and former head of the giant state monopoly Gazprom. He has now been Russia's prime minister since 1992, surviving the twists and turns of life under the often beleaguered and U-turning Yeltsin. All he can be sure of is that his troubles are not over. Although the Communist deputies in the Duma apparently backed off from any more confrontations and mostly voted for the prime minister in the secret ballot, their leader Gennady Zyuganov hinted darkly that they will be watching him closely and will soon return to dogging the government's every step. "The first 100 days of the new government's work will show if it is able to drive the Russian economy out of the crisis," he said, "otherwise, the Duma will raise the government issue again." Chernomyrdin faces some heavy burdens, not the least of them being his ever vanishing boss. With reports that the weary Yeltsin will soon again be disappearing on one of his long vacations, the prime minister will carry much of the burden in a country that remains an economic disaster area with a new war in full spate in Chechnya.

Chernomyrdin anticipated the return of confrontation in his acceptance speech as he thanked the deputies for their trust and said he would take their criticisms of him seriously and make some adjustments in his policies. He agreed there are few laurels for a Russian leader to rest on. Yet it is clear many deputies are less than happy with his appointment and question his assertion that he now knows what the country's problems are and what he should do about them. It was equally clear many of the



The ultimate life

STEWART WEISS

A good friend of mine currently visiting from the US made the most astounding statement. As we discussed the ins and outs of life in Israel, I tried — good-naturedly, of course — to tweak his conscience a little. "So when are you leaving the Galut [exile] and moving to Israel?" I asked him. With a straight face, he turned to me and said: "I don't live in the Galut, I live in the United States."

Seeing the dumbfounded look on my face, he proceeded to stake out his position. "Galut," he explained patiently, "is a negative term that applies to places where Jews are oppressed, downtrodden, in imminent danger. Places like Ethiopia, or Iran, or the former Soviet Union. Places where being a Jew is either dangerous or hopelessly difficult. That kind of a place deserves to be called 'exile.'"

"But America? How could you call that Galut? Beyond the general opulence and luxury that we enjoy as American citizens, we have the most advanced Jewish infrastructure of any nation on earth, Israel included. Our day schools and yeshivot are first-rate; our synagogues are booming with young people and Jewish books and Jewish art and Jewish music proliferate at an amazing pace," my friend said.

"My son plays Little League baseball in a Shabbath-observant league; my wife can choose from Thai, Mexican or Sushi cuisine — all glatt kosher, of course — and my daughter already speaks fluent Hebrew. So what's lacking?"

When I humbly suggested that perhaps Israel was lacking, my friend — a rabbi, no less — became even more animated.

"Israel!" he laughed incredulously. "We have the latest Israeli newspapers here, available on Internet, we get Kol Yisrael on the radio, we get virtually every Israeli product you do — most of them cheaper, by the way. Thanks to CNN, we know about things happening in Israel at least as soon as you do. True, we don't have the Kotel, but I manage to visit Jerusalem at least twice a year, and that's probably more frequently than most Tel Avivians. So, again, what's lacking?"

"What about intermarriage and assimilation?" I calmly interjected.

He waved his hand nonchalantly. "That's a problem for the irreligious Jew," he said matter-of-

factly. "It hardly poses a problem for those of us in the observant community."

As I listened to my friend going on and on about the glories of the Diaspora, I realized that his wasn't a lone voice in the wilderness. He was expressing an attitude that, tragically, is becoming the norm among most Western Jews.

Israel is a great place to visit, and maybe even to study for a limited time — but live here? What would compel someone who seemingly has all the amenities of secular and religious life at his disposal to leave it all behind for a country that still has no subway

"The Jew in Ethiopia, or Syria, you see, is much better off than you. He realizes that the climax of Jewish history will not occur in Addis Ababa or Damascus. He knows with perfect faith that the destiny of the Jewish people will not be decided within his borders, and that he is but a temporary wanderer whose journey is as yet unfulfilled. His present state of exile is brightened by the innate understanding that his future will be in a better place."

"But you who believe that you have reached the end of your sojourn, you who believe with a perfect heart that it doesn't get any better than this — you are hopelessly engulfed in the deadly quicksand of the Galut. You are denying a fundamental principle of Jewish eternity: In Israel and only here will the fate of the Jewish people be decided."

"In the short term you will relish the life you live far from us. But history will have the final, harsh verdict on those who tried to mold a Jewish paradise anywhere but in the Land of Israel."

"Your Galut isn't just a physical one; it's a Galut of the mind, and there is no more bitter exile than that."

Exactly 900 years ago, in the year 1096, the first Crusade began. The first organized, systematic series of anti-Jewish pogroms decimated the communities of the Rhineland, murdering thousands of innocent Jews.

Among the worst-hit communities was Worms, founded by Jewish exiles who had made their way to Germany following the destruction of the First Temple. When, after 70 years of exile, the Jews of Babylon returned to Eretz Yisrael, not a single Jew of Worms came home.

To the call of return, they responded: "You stay where you are in great Jerusalem, and we will continue to stay where we are in little Jerusalem!" The success of the Jews of Worms — until their utter destruction — was their undoing.

The lesson of their demise — at the hands of crazed Crusaders who were in a frenzy to reach the Holy Land — should not be lost on any Jew who believes he can recreate Jerusalem in his own hometown.

The writer is director of Midreshet Torah V'Emanah girls seminary in Jerusalem and of the Jewish Outreach Center in Raanana.

'I don't live in the Galut,' my friend explained. 'I live in the United States'

system, where milk still mainly comes in a bag, where "excuse me" is missing from the national lexicon?

I've discovered there is even a growing number of people who commute to Israel on a regular basis — committed Zionists who are determined to live here, but simply cannot make the break with the "good life" of America.

Every Thursday night they board a plane in New York to spend Shabbat here, catching the "red-eye" on Monday morning that puts them back in the Garment District or in their Wall Street office by nine o'clock. They have, in their estimation, the best of both worlds: physical fulfillment during the week and spiritual satisfaction on Shabbat.

I ROSE from my seat and looked my friend square in the eyes. Now it was my turn to shock him a little.

"You don't just live in the Galut," I began. "You live in the ultimate Galut."

"America is a wide and wonderful place, where comfort, convenience and pleasure have been raised to an art form. And it has treated its Jewish citizens better than any host country in our long history." But that, I said, is precisely why it is the worst, most complete Galut that we have ever experienced.

Bang! Crash!

LARRY DERFNER

I used to be known as a person who was immune to noise, who didn't seem to hear the racket that would have other people blocking their ears in pain. Then I moved to this country.

Over the last number of years, living near the sea in Tel Aviv, I've become something of a noise nut or a nut from noise — a red-eyed psycho who's apt to be out on the balcony or down in the street hollering at somebody to muzzle the hell up.

I average about 1.5 confrontations a week. There's the bug-eyed, weak-chinned cretin across the street who blasts rap music. His downstairs neighbor is an old, bodybuilding sadist who blasts the TV.

There's also my downstairs neighbor, a polite business lawyer who keeps a set of bongo drums for when his inner child wants to come out and play. The little guy has been coming out every weekend for months, and lately has begun to emerge on weeknights too.

I've tried reasoning. I've tried intimidation. Sometimes I manage to get the offenders to concede, and they tone it down and we part as good neighbors. A day, two days later, they revert to form. I can't deny it — they're winning. They're grinding me down.

Speaking of grinding, let me tell you about the apartment building next door. It's been undergoing a continuous, piecemeal remodeling job for a solid year.

Downstairs and upstairs, construction workers are not only knocking and drilling, they're using power saws to grind the edges of concrete bricks and tiles. There goes one now... it sounds like a 200-pound mosquito.

They work at least 12 hours a day. Being non-observant — they're Romanians — they work on Shabbat too. It's not as bad as usual: On Saturdays they turn off the saws and drills, stop work in the yard and limit themselves to knocking and yelling inside the building. Still, it's more than enough to kill my day of rest.

I had a few words with them about this, but I didn't seem to be getting through, so I called the city inspectors. They told me the construction workers could make as much noise as they wanted on Saturday, as long as they did it indoors.

I'VE learned a lot about Israeli noise laws — there are a lot fewer of them than I thought. The notion that it's illegal to make too much noise during Friday siesta time and over Shabbat is a myth. The law? The only law that counts around here is the law of the jungle.

Speaking of jungles, this, of

The main reason Israel is so noisy is because so many Israelis act and sound like wild animals

course, is the main reason Israel is so noisy — because so many Israelis act and sound like wild animals. Why bother to climb stairs and knock on somebody's door when you can roar up to him from the sidewalk?

But beyond this, there's the way the country is built, at least the cities. There's no space between anything. The buildings are smack against each other. The walls are thin. So are the sidewalks. The front door is six feet from the street; the squall from the traffic comes right into your living room.

Traffic noise — ah, what can we say? Did you know it's against the law for drivers to honk their horns except to avoid an accident? That's illegal for garbage trucks to start their rounds before 6 a.m.?

Garbage trucks. One morning I got out of bed and chased a garbage truck down the street, screaming at the workers because they had woken me up — deliberately! Did they have to scrape the cans all along the driveway? Did they have to bellow their every word?

Did the guys lugging the cans have no other way to get the driver to stop the truck besides yelling, "Oh-Ow!" (It's the sound Israelis let out when they're pretending to want somebody's attention, when what they really want is everybody's attention.)

At any rate, I never caught up with that truck. This was about three years ago. I don't chase garbage collectors at 5:15 a.m. anymore. I just lie in bed staring at the ceiling, listening to them scrape and howl.

I don't get much sleep. I don't need much. One of these days I'll blow my brains out. That'll make a good bit of noise, I figure.

The writer is a freelance journalist living in Tel Aviv.

PICTURE POSTSCRIPT



This is the little girl who could not smile. Chelsey Thomas was born without the nerves and muscles that would allow her to animate her face, an uncommon condition called Moebius Syndrome. Here she's seen as she entered Kaiser Permanente Hospital in Los Angeles last December to undergo surgery to correct the condition. Chelsey smiled for the first time on June 29, on her eighth birthday. (AP / Nick Ut)

POSTSCRIPT

A NORWEGIAN took his driving test while drunk and then had his license taken for drunk driving.

"It must be the shortest time anyone has ever held a driver's license," driving examiner Tor Steinar Wikan said.

Wikan said the man, who was not identified, easily passed the test but said he noticed the smell of alcohol on the man's breath.

Once the test was over, the man was tested for alcohol, found to be over the limit and his newly won license was immediately revoked.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

AMERICAN JUSTICE

Sir, — Your editorial of July 29, "American injustice," rests on an unstated premise or assumption about the Jewish community in the following words:

"President Bill Clinton's decision on Friday to reject Jonathan Pollard's appeal for clemency was a poorly-timed and ill-advised act which raises serious questions not only about the American system of justice, but also about the American president and his relationship with the Jewish community."

That statement is a thinly veiled threat addressed to President Clinton that he may lose the support of the Jewish community because he rejected the plea for clemency of a person most Americans view as a traitor. Anyone who sells out his country to a foreign country for financial or ideological reasons, as Jonathan Pollard did, must be viewed in this light.

The Jewish community is a monolith more devoted to the interests of Israel, and should be more devoted to the interests of Israel, than to the nation where they hold citizenship as individuals in the body politic are fallacies which, if believed in the non-Jewish world,

could lead to serious problems for Jews whose patriotism and loyalty to their countries of citizenship would inevitably be brought into serious question.

As for the American system of justice, flawed as is any legal system, I'll take it in preference to the star-chamber proceedings that take place in Israel from time to time. We have a constitution which has stood the test of time for over two centuries and has a track record in upholding human rights and civil liberties that few countries, if any, can equal.

If the case for clemency on behalf of Jonathan Pollard could be made it could only be linked to a humanitarian appeal on behalf of Mordechai Vanunu.

ROBERT E. NORDLANDER, Menasha, Wisconsin.

LEIDEN

Sir, — In your Reuter news report of July 30 on the world's biggest (and worst-smelling) flower, you mention the Leiden Botanic Gardens as being in Germany. They are in the Dutch city of Leiden, Holland's oldest university city. Jerusalem. JACOB WOODMAN

NESTLE'S RECORD

Sir, — There have been reports in The Jerusalem Post of the introduction of Nestle into the Israeli market and of a merger with Tnuva and a major share takeover in Osem.

We would like to remind Israeli consumers that infant welfare activists in Europe are boycotting Nestle's products because they refuse to comply with the World Health Organization code on the marketing of artificial baby foods.

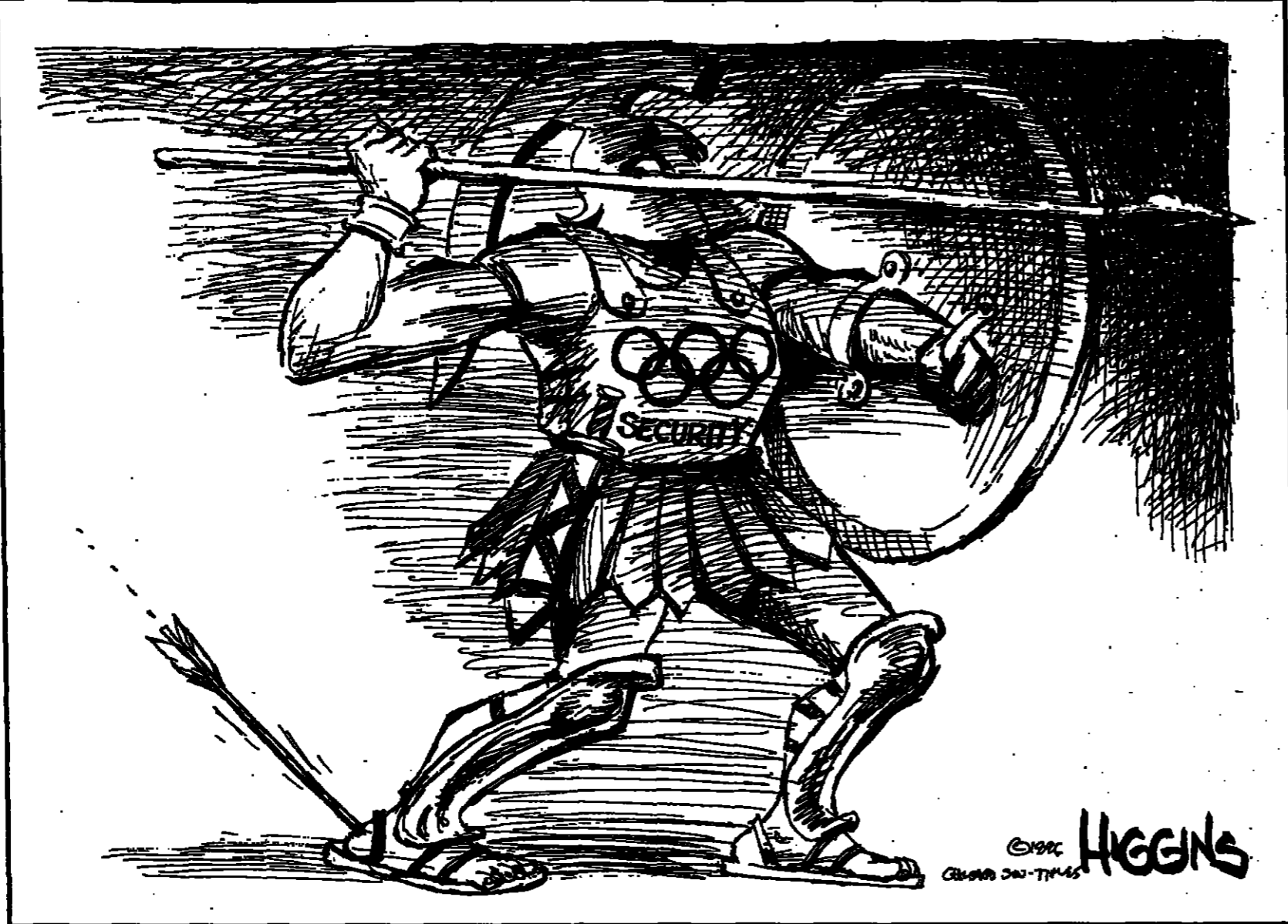
It is Nestle that launched a major sales campaign in the Third World. The only hope for a baby's survival in a country of poverty, polluted water and lack of hygienic conditions for preparing their food is breastfeeding. By promoting artificial formulas which parents cannot afford, to be used in an environment where clean water and sterile bottles are not available, Nestle was responsible for a major disaster. This prompted the WHO to publish its code in 1981 which forbids advertising these artificial milks as being as good as, or better than, or easier than breastfeeding. Nestle continues to contravene this code.

WENDY BLUMFIELD, MARION SILMAN, Haifa.

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## Burundi, bloody Burundi

### Empty promises do more harm than good

BY DAVID RIEFF

At first the international response to the July 25 coup in which a Tutsi military leader, Major Pierre Buyoya, ousted the Hutu president of Burundi, Sylvestre Ntibantunganya, was tough talk. From the most compromised quarters came the most uncompromising responses. Secretary General Boutros Boutros-Ghali's spokeswoman declared that "the international community will on no account accept a change of government [in Burundi] by force or other illegitimate means." And Kofi Annan, the U.N. Undersecretary General for Peacekeeping Operations, not only spoke of the need for a humanitarian intervention in Burundi, but also reportedly called for one that could "bear up on people if necessary" in order to try to stop the killing.

Those familiar with the way the U.N. actually works could legitimately infer that this time the great powers had given the U.N. Secretariat the go-ahead to act. In earlier weeks, as it had become clear that the Tutsi-dominated Burundian army was not going to agree to power sharing with the Hutu majority, admonitions and threats from Washington, as well as missions to Bujumbura on behalf of the U.S. government and the European Union, began to multiply. Madeleine Albright, the U.S. ambassador to the U.N., had warned that "under no circumstances would we tolerate a government installed by force or intimidation."

Such categorical assertions of what the international community would and would not tolerate should have set off alarm bells amongst anyone who has followed the way it has actually dealt with such recent crises as Somalia, Bosnia and Liberia. But in the context of the Great Lakes region of Africa in particular, all these fine sentiments and stern declarations are framed by one overriding fact: In April and May of 1994, those countries and institutions today issuing the declarations sat on their collective hands while nearly a million Rwandan Tutsis and moderate Hutus were murdered.

If this were not reason enough to treat this new headline stand on Burundi with skepticism, there was also little cause beyond the wishful thinking that is endemic to so many diplomatic initiatives undertaken for "humanitarian" reasons to believe that these threats were backed up by more than the hope that the Tutsi leaders would be awed by them. In the same speech in which she asserted that a coup in Burundi would not be

tolerated, Ambassador Albright admitted that the United States had ruled out sending American forces there as part of a peacekeeping force. And Kofi Annan conceded, even as he warned the leadership in Bujumbura that the U.N. might send a peacekeeping force over its objections, that few countries had yet agreed to commit troops.

The reality is that it is unclear, given the U.N.'s current desperate financial circumstances (which are due in large measure to the continued U.S. refusal to pay its assessments), whether it has the money for such an operation. The Secretariat is only solvent because it is borrowing from the (separate) peacekeeping budget to fund its own operating expenses. And the predictable consequence of the resulting shortfall at the Department of Peacekeeping Operations is that troop-contributing nations will not be reimbursed, and are, therefore, less willing to send troops on expensive and open-ended peacekeeping missions like the one being planned for Burundi.

But the more fundamental question is one that U.N. officials seem assiduously unwilling to contemplate: What will such a force do if its deployment fails to produce the desired result in a fairly short period of time? A year after they acquiesced, without putting up even a token fight, to the fall of the U.N. safe area Srebrenica in Bosnia, and the massacre of its male inhabitants, U.N. officials are actually talking about establishing "safe areas" in Burundi.

U.N. officials have little to say about what they will do if things go wrong. "It's the same old story," a U.S. Pentagon official told me recently. "There is absolutely no plan about what to do if things go wrong except run away."

In any case, now that the international community's warnings have been ignored and the coup has actually taken place, the predictable rhetorical climb-down has already begun. A senior Belgian diplomat, Eric Derycke, spoke for many when, three days after the coup, he opined that "Buyoya is the least bad option" in Burundi. Buyoya, Western diplomats now suggest, may in fact be a democratic figure in the Burundian context. The evidence for this is that although this is his second coup, he followed his first by handing over power after six years to Burundi's first democratically elected (and first Hutu) president, Melchior Ndadaye. But these facts can be parsed in several ways. Ndadaye was murdered by Tutsi militants 100 days later; that is, by Buyoya's brother officers, the same men who have now selected him to serve as president once again.

It is possible, of course, that Burundi may turn out to be one rare example of the world, ac-

ing decisively not out of interest but out of moral concern. Were, for example, Nelson Mandela's government to agree to a major force commitment, other nations in Africa might well follow, and the U.S. and the Western Europeans might then agree to underwrite the operation's costs.

And a massive, long-term intervention, followed by a prolonged international presence, both civilian and military, accompanied by serious diplomatic initiatives and sweetened with development aid, might well transform the situation in Burundi. But such an intervention would effectively turn Burundi into a U.N. protectorate or trusteeship. And there is simply no reason to believe, all the bellicose rhetoric of recent weeks notwithstanding, that the will exists, either in Africa or in the rest of the world, to do anything even remotely similar.

Instead, the world is responding, and will continue to respond, with half measures, pious sentiments: words, not deeds. In the name of sympathy with the Burundian people, U.N. officials and representatives of the great powers have chosen to lie to them. There is no question of a force being deployed that will really make a difference, because, at the present time, and for the foreseeable future, the political will does not exist in America or in Western Europe to act in accordance with the most generous moral and emotional aspirations.

But if the West, or, for that matter, the African countries or the U.N., are not going to act, or are incapable of doing so effectively, then surely it would be kinder not to pretend that help is on the way. Not only kinder, but more moral. Because to delude people about what help they can expect, as the citizens of Sarajevo learned to their cost — and from many of the same diplomats and politicians now pontificating about Burundi — can sometimes prove as great a danger to their survival as any threat they face from those they know to be their enemies. People who expect the cavalry to come rescue them tend to wait for its arrival. But in Burundi, as in so many other places where the fantasy of rescue persists, the cavalry is probably not coming, and certainly not staying. And it is high time the United States and the other important foreign actors in this story admitted as much.

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## An Olympic-sized victory for terrorism

BY ROBERT NOVAK

ATLANTA - When the couple seated next to me took a brief break from watching Olympic boxing matches, they left behind a small black tote bag. That worried another woman in the row, who notified authorities. Soon, a policeman arrived to inspect the mysterious article.

It was no mystery. The bag contained only two bottles of water. It and everything else 9,000 spectators carried into Alexander Coliseum had passed metal detectors and a hand search by U.S. Army personnel. It would have taken Harry Houdini to put a bomb in that bag.

The woman who summoned the police was just plain frightened, and that confirms the victory of terror. The most intrusive security precautions ever imposed on an athletic event did not still her fears in the wake of the Centennial Park bombing. Indeed, that tight security is the triumph of terrorists, whether state-sponsored, domestic or lunatic free-lance.

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One terrorist outrage after another, however disconnected, tightens the web. Security barriers at the U.S. Capitol were followed by the panicky closing of Pennsylvania Avenue in front of the White House. Well before the cause of the destruction of TWA Flight 800 could be determined, time-consuming inspection of checked luggage was instituted.

U.S. Sen. Arlen Specter, chairman of the Senate Terrorism Subcommittee, told me in a CNN interview after the Centennial Park bombing that the same security regimen imposed on Olympic venues should have been duplicated at the public park.

That had been done when I visited the park on its first reopened day, three days after the bombing, with officers of the U.S. Border Patrol imported to search everybody. Yet, had this been done earlier, it would not have been effective if the bomb turns out to have been planted by a security officer.

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All of this great city cannot be protected. As I traveled on a sardine-style Atlanta subway car, I pondered how easy it would be to wreak absolute havoc on a public transportation system. So, how much protection really has been provided by the abridgment of personal freedom at the Centennial Olympics?

Much has been made of the good spirit at the games. I noticed a minimum of grumbling, waiting for the better part of an hour while U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service agents searched everything carried by 80,000 people attending the track and field competition at Olympic Stadium. But there is a darker side to such forbearance.

Visitors here had to withstand not only zealous security but also a panoply of regulations imposed by an unreasoning government — such as requiring that buses deposit passengers only at designated stops.

About 15 seconds after a chartered bus left our hotel for an Olympic event, a woman noticed that she had forgotten her ticket. Rules kept the bus from letting her out at the corner. It had to circle around the block to get back to the hotel, a 30-minute inconvenience for us all. Why? Because "they" — the authorities — said so.

At the Georgia Dome to watch the U.S. Dream Team play basketball, I was asked for I.D. when I sought to buy a beer. "I'm 65 years old," I said, astounded at being carded for the first time since the 1950s.

"They" say no exceptions," insisted the unsmiling woman behind the counter. The other customers seemed peeved that I should object.

On my first reporting trip to Communist-controlled Eastern Europe in 1967, I was stunned by the people's docility. When I saw airline passengers in Budapest submitting to officials' arrogant behavior when a boarding pass was lost (actually, the authorities had miscounted and did not apologize for it), my thought was, "These are people who have resigned themselves to a police state."

Government reflexively reacts to problems by demanding new powers over the people, as both U.S. President Bill Clinton and U.S. Republican leaders have done again. The people apparently acquiesce, and that is the triumph of terrorism.

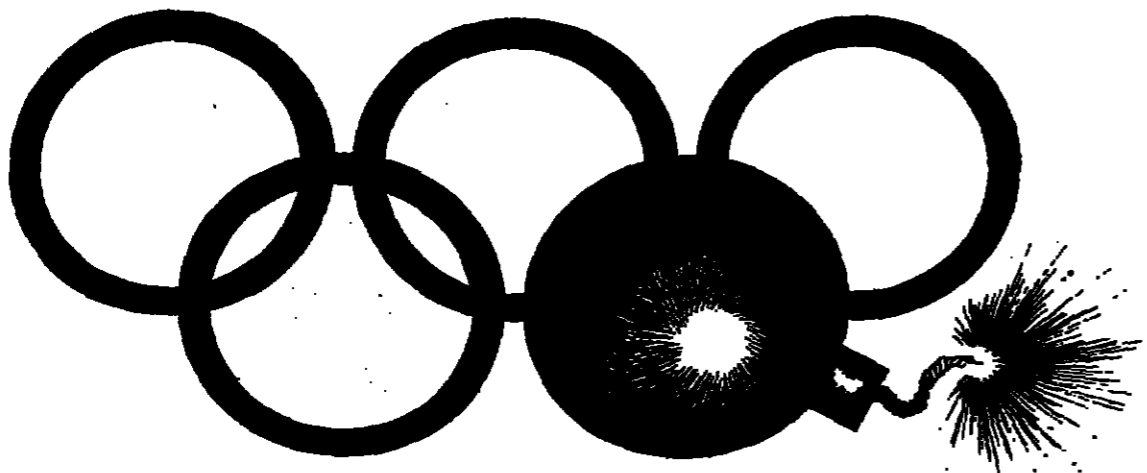
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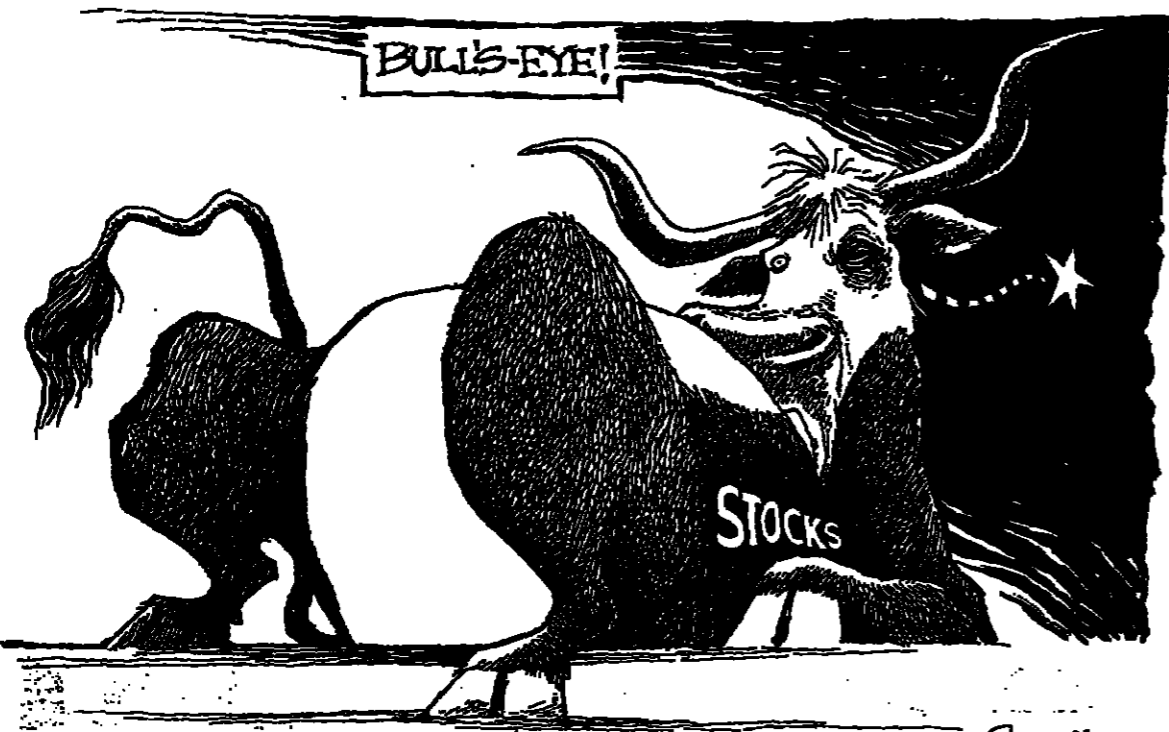
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## Murder by the book: Should publishers be liable?

BY ALAN DERSHOWITZ

In a case that has publishers in a panic, the families of three murder victims are suing the U.S. publisher of a book titled "Hit Man: A Technical Manual for Independent Contractors." According to the plaintiffs, the man who killed their loved ones in a triple murder for hire had followed 27 explicit recommendations contained in the how-to-do-it book. The trigger man, James Perry, was hired by Lawrence Horn to kill Horn's former wife, their 8-year-old paraplegic son and his nurse, so that Horn could inherit the \$1.7 million his former wife had won in a malpractice suit over the child's condition. He shot the two women and unplugged the boy's respirator. Perry prepared for his gruesome contract-killing by studying the "Hit Man" book and following its suggestions. Perhaps he, too, has a lawsuit against the publisher for malpractice, since he was caught, convicted and sentenced to death. Horn was sentenced to life imprisonment. Since neither has much money, the victims' families are suing the book publisher.

The publisher, Paladin Press of Boulder, Colo., seems to specialize in mail-order mayhem. Its catalog includes such elevating literary titles as *The Ancient Art of Strangulation*, *How to Dispose of a Dead Body* and *21 Techniques of Silent Killing*. Although it is difficult to argue that these murder manuals contribute to the marketplace of ideas, the mainstream media is appropriately worried. If U.S. courts were to rule broadly that any book which encourages a criminal to commit a crime could create liability for its publisher, legitimate publishers would have much to be concerned about.

limit the ruling to how-to-do-it books, there would be many large publishing houses that would have to vet their catalogs to be certain that none of their books contained instructions for crime. In recent years alone, widely published books such as *The Turner Diaries* and *Final Exit* could be vulnerable to lawsuits by relatives of victims. The author of *The Turner Diaries* — a fictional account of a race war against blacks and Jews — acknowledges that the terrorists who blew up the U.S. Federal building in Oklahoma City may have learned how to do it from passages in his novel. And several people committed suicide — still a crime in many states in the U.S. — after learning how to do so from reading *Final Exit*. Moreover, the Internet is a virtual how-to-do-anything manual, and the implications of any ruling in favor of the plaintiffs could have a devastating impact on the information superhighway.

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There is also the issue of personal responsibility for crime. A ruling against the book publisher — irresponsible as he is — could send the wrong message about who is ultimately responsible for murderous acts. Nobody is obliged to follow the suggestions in a book that teaches how to murder. In this case, there were 13,000 copies of the *Hit Man* manual sold since 1983. Perry was apparently the only person who committed murder after reading it. He almost certainly would have committed these murders even if the book had never been published. The book did not "make him do," although it did, perhaps, help him on some techni-

cal issues. In this regard, the claim that the book publisher "aided and abetted" the trigger man is not farfetched. It is as if the killer had consulted an expert in firearms and asked him for advice on the best way to shoot two people. If the expert knew that the person requesting the advice was planning to murder innocent victims — as distinguished, for example, from writing a novel or a screenplay which required authenticity — the expert could be held liable for giving his advice. But that case is different in precisely the way books are always different from personal, one-to-one conversation. Books convey information wholesale to large numbers of unknown readers, while personal conversation is retail and is tailored to the specific needs of a known individual. That is why it would be so much harder to succeed in a malpractice suit against the author of a medical or legal text than against a doctor or lawyer who gave the same advice to an individual.

This is a close case. On balance, a ruling in favor of the victims' families — sympathetic as their case is — would set us afloat on uncharted waters at a time when new technologies are already posing significant challenges to our traditional notions of freedom of speech in the United States.

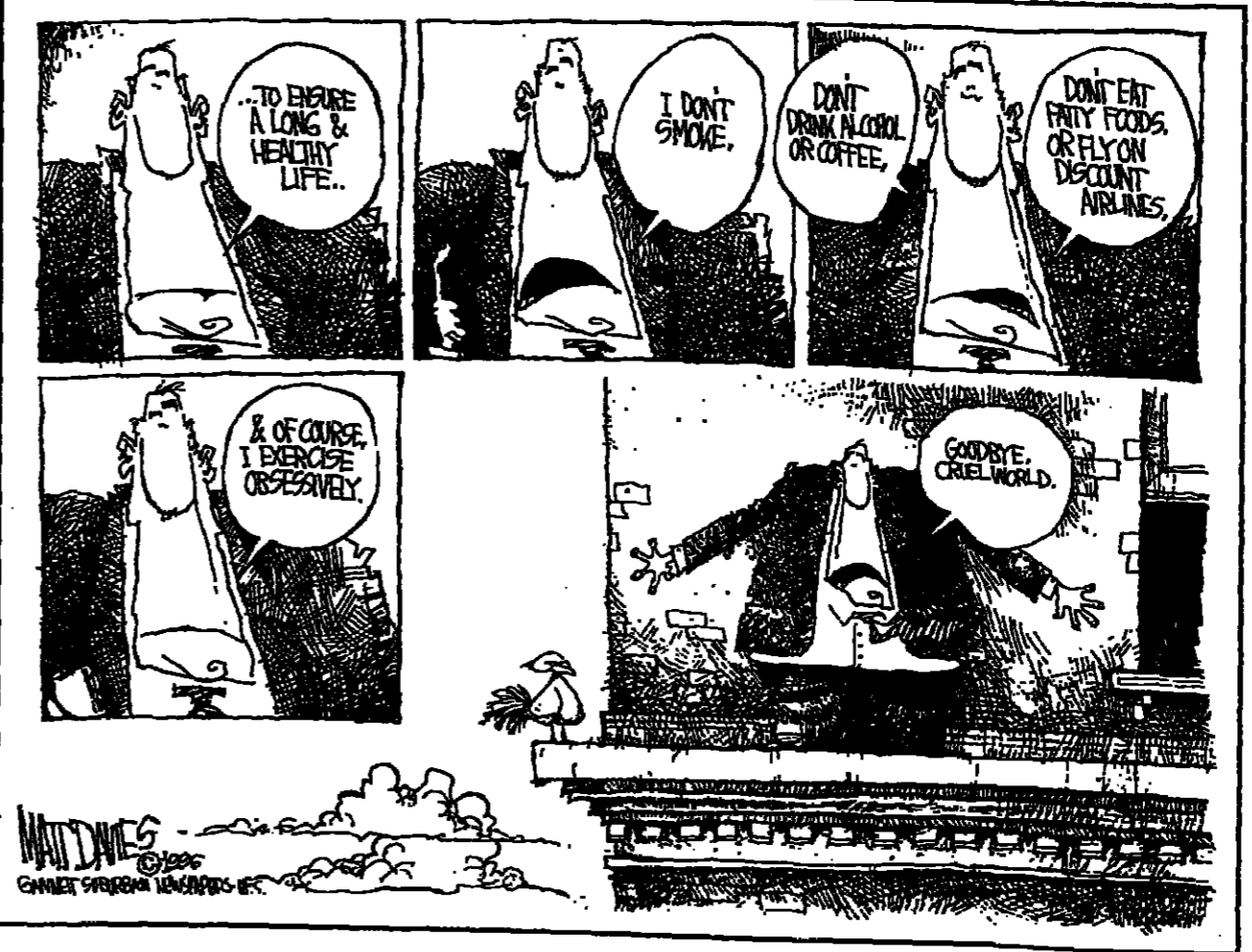
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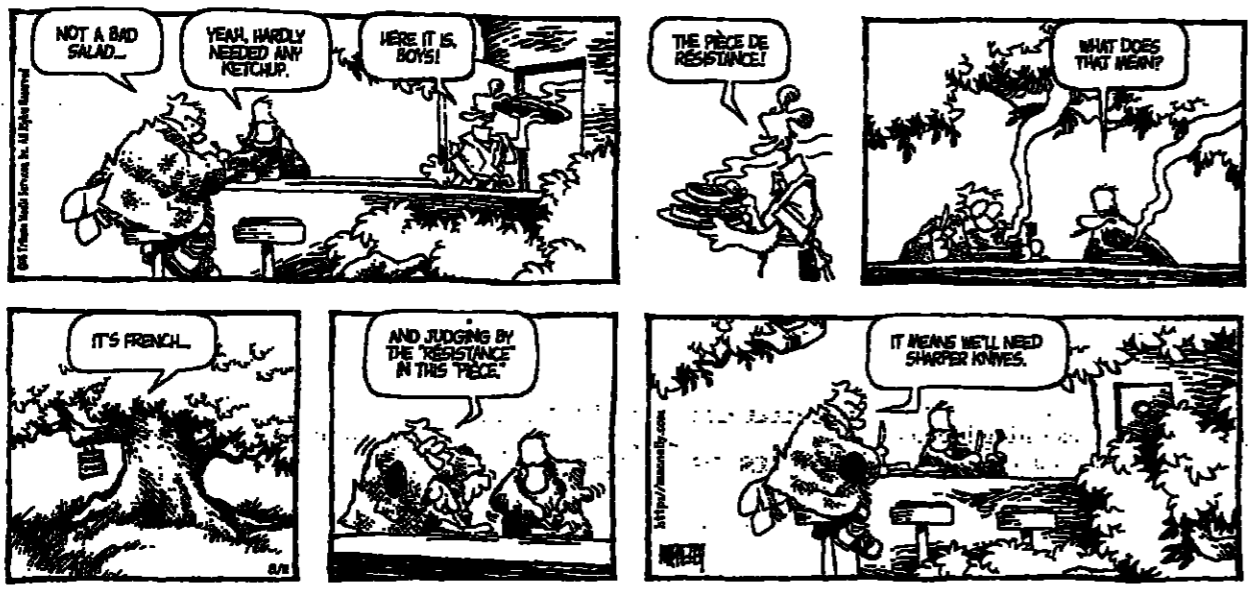
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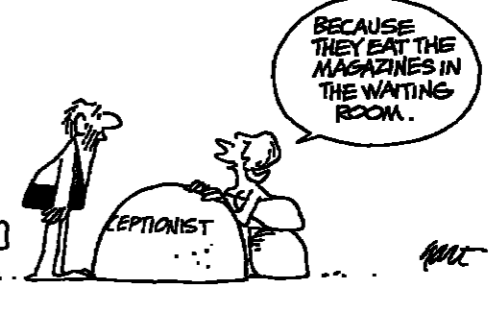
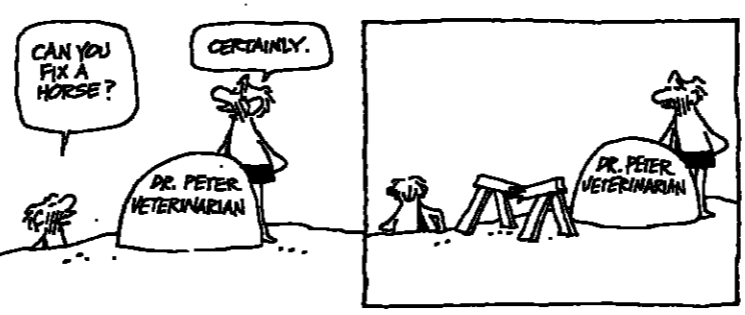
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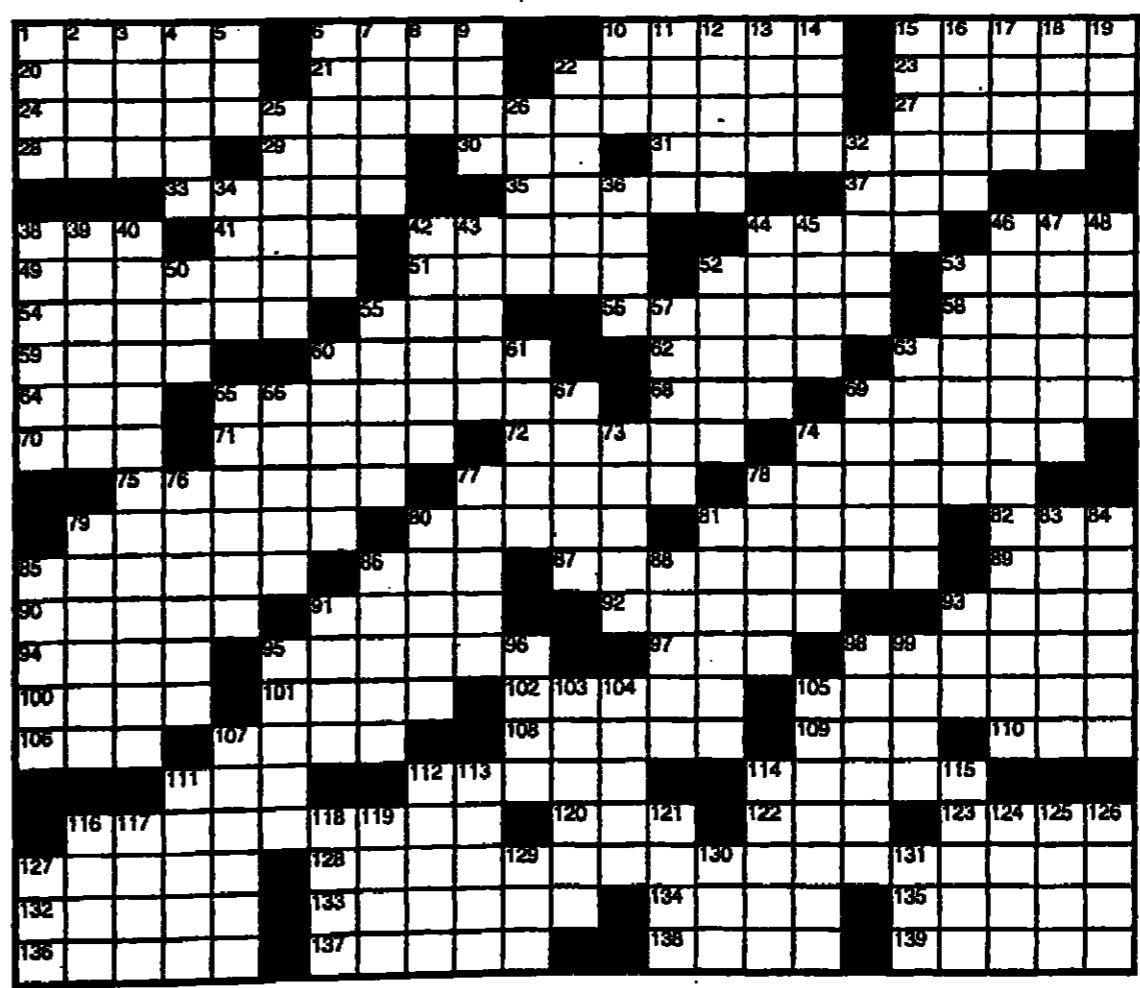


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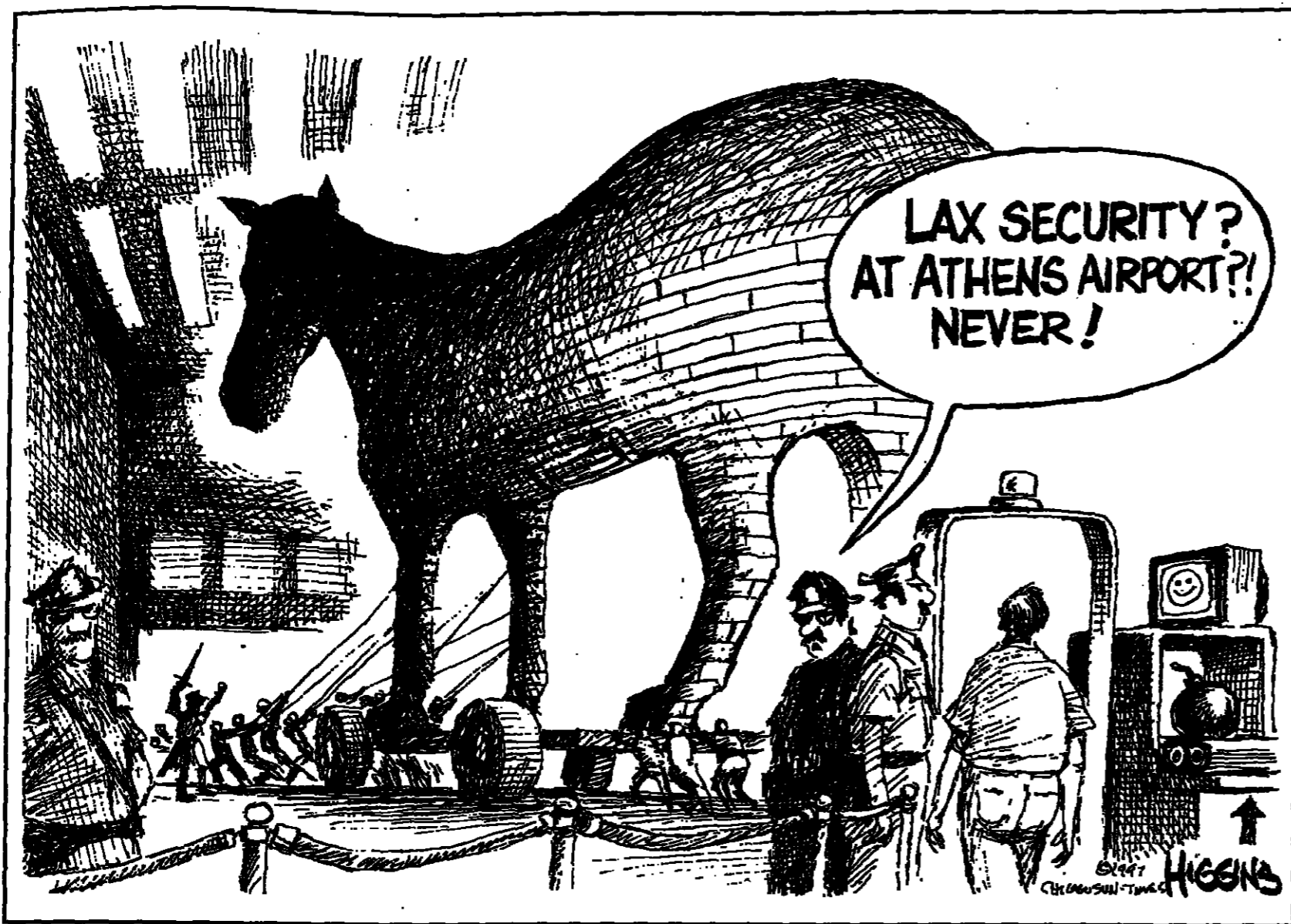


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## 'Working Girl': Molinari's winning script for the Republican National Convention

BY JIM SLEEPER

The Staten Island Advance, daily diary of New York City's "forgotten" white-ethnic borough, called Borough President Guy Molinari at home on July 15 with the news that his daughter would keynote the U.S. Republican National Convention. "What? Really? And here I thought I was going to be staying home from the convention to baby-sit," he said, with his characteristic familial/political spin. If U.S. Rep. Susan Molinari doesn't take her 3-month-old daughter with her to the convention podium on Aug. 11, it will be just about the only public space the newest Molinari hasn't appeared. When cameras converged on Mom's office after her keynoting role was announced, baby Susan Ruby was right there, over her heart.

Mixing family loyalty and political teamwork is the Molinari way, and if they conflict, politics gets the edge. This time, the family's women are starring (even though Molinari's husband, U.S. Rep. Bill Paxon, is one of House Speaker Newt Gingrich's top operatives), and her working-mom script has cowed even Beltway feminists into glossing over her votes to cut welfare and education. "I often work 'til 11 at night and need my hug-and-kiss quotient," she giggled last month on CNBC's "Equal Time" as Mary Matalin and Margaret Carlson teased her about how often she Takes Her Daughter to Work.

"What about when you go to vote?" asked the liberal Carlson, doing her best to sound intrepid.

"We have someone who comes in with her every day," said Molinari, turning to the camera and assuring the nation, with mock, sing-song propriety. "We don't ask our paid congressional staff to do that kind of thing. I want to make that clear." After the mommy-talk, she rattles on with impunity about "liberal media bias," "completing the Republican revolution" and U.S. President Bill Clinton's broken campaign promises.

Money couldn't buy Republicans such a winning combination of cuteness and toughness. But then it wasn't needed. Molinari's grandfather was a New York assemblyman in the 1940s. Guy, who succeeded him, roomed with U.S. Sen. Al D'Amato's brother Armand in Albany, N.Y., before going to the U.S. Congress, and in 1981 got Susan, 23, a job with the Republican Governors Association. After five years in New York's City Council, Susan succeeded her father in Congress in 1990, representing Staten Island and a few white-ethnic enclaves in Brooklyn. In 1992, she divorced her first husband, a local boy whose

business troubles had given her opponents campaign ammunition.

Again, politics got the edge: In 1994, she married into the U.S. House of Representatives leadership (Paxon heads the National Republican Congressional Committee), sharing what she called "our second honeymoon" while campaigning with him for 84 House candidates in 36 states. Gingrich then made her vice-chair of the House Republican Conference, the leadership's youngest woman ever, an honor not lost on the GOP's oldest-ever presidential nominee. Molinari's ability to mix family and political teamwork began a decade ago, when the pro-choice daughter and her pro-life Dad "agreed to disagree." And so it is now with her and Bob Dole, whom she says she'll praise as "a wonderful man" in San Diego.

Molinari's ethnic charm and feminine ambition recall Tess, Melanie Griffith's character in the 1988 film "Working Girl." A secretary, Tess rides the Staten Island Ferry to a Manhattan brokerage house where she works for yuppies from hell. Bathed in affection by her girlfriend-commuters, who also smother her aspirations — "What choo want wit a speech class?" one asks her. "Yoo tawk foynel!" — Tess endures horny arbitrageurs and a jet-setting boss who steals her bright investment idea. Tess outsmarts them all and makes off with hotshot competitor Harrison Ford. Score one for Staten Island, where revenge is a big deal. (In 1993, with Molinari's support, it voted to secede from New York City, in a non-binding resolution.)

But, while Molinari seems like Tess, she takes the shurde from LaGuardia to Washington, not the boat to Manhattan, notes former Clinton speechwriter David Kusnet, who lived on Staten Island, wrote for The Advance, and brought the "Working Girl" analogy to my attention. And, while Tess soared only by breaking Staten Island's cocoon and struggling alone, Molinari is buoyed by the family loyalty of both clan and constituents, as well as by her new teamwork with national Republican leaders.

Her heavily Italian- and Irish-American district, New York's 13th, includes lots of Archie and Edith Bunkers, refugees from "changing" neighborhoods in Brooklyn and the Bronx who have made enough money to drop their old lunch-pail liberalism. Yet Staten Island is home to more civil servants — including more city police officers and firefighters — than any other county in the United States. This heavily unionized yet socially parochial electorate makes for a local Republican politics riddled with contradictions.

On the one hand, Staten Islanders are conservative in the peculiarly prickly manner of New Yorkers who live near both decadent

Manhattan and the ravaged inner-city neighborhoods they once called home. They aren't about to have their schools and other services drained by redistribution into the maw their parents fled. On the other hand, the city workers, among them, want high public wages and benefits. And, racially dyspeptic though they may be, many have banked enough of an older civic culture's nobler passions so that were Colin Powell, who graduated City College before affirmative action, the Republican nominee, he would sweep the island against Clinton. A latent, social Catholicism here prefers conservative, corporatist responsibility to congressional Republicans' mindless laissez-faire.

In the U.S. Congress, Molinari has negotiated these politics in different ways. At first, she voted with labor and the providers of pork, such as the U.S. Navy's short-lived homeport on Staten Island. In 1994, she backed Clinton's crime bill. And there were even strains of a novice feminism: she sponsored a version of the Sexual Assault Prevention Act of 1993 that would admit into cases past evidence against a defendant who'd never been indicted. She also touted studies, since debunked, that claimed girls are shortchanged in schools where they outperform boys.

Since rising to House leadership, Molinari's previously moderate labor, environmental and feminist ratings have plummeted. She turned against the crime bill, angering some of her own blue-uniformed constituents, and voted to cut summer jobs and housing assistance. Still, New York liberals who delight in exposing Molinari as a feminist impostor and faux-moderate opportunist miss the point: the very Devil's bargain Tess felt forced to make is, for Molinari, a win/win dilemma. Tess had to fight hard just to get a chance to choose between settling for Staten Island as a sour, parochial refuge from decrepit urban liberalism, and getting recognition in glittering but colder realms. Guy Molinari has given his daughter the keys to the refuge but also a red-carpeted path to wider horizons dominated, just now, by another patriarch, Dole. Out of familial pride, Staten Islanders are letting her have it both ways. She'll go to San Diego and show off the baby, proud Dad in tow. Like Tess, she'll disarm her detractors, and a lot of Americans will think they're watching "Working Girl II." Not even Beltway feminists can debunk that script.

Jim Sleeper, author of "The Closest of Strangers: Liberalism and the Politics of Race in New York" from Norton, is at work on a new book about race. This book first appeared in The New Republic.

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## The futile search for a 'fairer, flatter tax'

By JONATHAN CHAIT

It's often said that if U.S. presidential candidate Bob Dole has stood for one idea throughout his career, it's deficit reduction. Sure, he's funneled billions in useless tax subsidies to corporate welfare poster child Archer Daniels Midland and helped feed the bloated budgets of the Reagan-Bush years. Still, Dole has kept a healthy distance between himself and the U.S. Republican party's supply-side loonies.

Until now. The loonies, undeterred by historical repudiation, have convinced the desperate Dole to embrace a massive supply-side cut, either by repealing U.S. President Bill Clinton's 1993 increase (which mainly affected the wealthiest 1 percent of taxpayers) or an across-the-board reduction. Dole has already been talking, oxymoronically, of a "fairer, flatter tax."

Dole's tax cut fever means that U.S. presidential politics this year could once again be little more than a tax cut bidding war. In 1984 and '88, U.S. presidential candidates Ronald Reagan and George Bush pummeled their Democratic foes for refusing to rule out tax increases despite uncontrollable deficits. In 1992 Clinton got wise and promised a middle-class tax cut. In office, of course, he got deficit reduction religion, dropped his pledge (which wouldn't have meant much anyway) and passed a budget that's begun to stem the last 12 years of red ink. As a percentage of GNP, the U.S. deficit is now the lowest in the industrialized world.

While Clinton hasn't disarmed unilaterally — he continues to endorse a host of tax goodies aimed at swing voters — he's acted relatively responsibly. Dole ought to declare a truce. Instead, he's about to up the tax cut ante by hundreds of billions of dollars and dare Clinton to match his irresponsibility.

When speaking anonymously, members of Dole's coterie admit frankly that tax cutting is about closing Clinton's lead in the polls. On the record, they try to argue the case on its economic merits. Slow economic growth under Clinton (2.4 percent a year), they say, has caused average incomes to stagnate. Tax cuts will reverse this course. Consider this claim one part at a time.

Although, as Republicans point out, growth under Clinton has trailed the post-World War II average, growth under nearly every presidential administration has trailed the post-war average. That's because the 25 years after 1945 saw sustained economic growth that hasn't been matched before or since. For the post-1973 era, Clinton's economic growth has been superb. Whether the economy can grow faster over a sustained period is debatable. But as long as Alan Greenspan heads the U.S. Federal Reserve (which will be at least until 2000, now that Clinton has named him to a third term), there's nothing Bob Dole could do about it. The inflation-wary Greenspan thinks the economy can grow at about 2.5 percent. So even if a Dole tax cut fueled growth, the Fed would likely raise interest rates to check it.

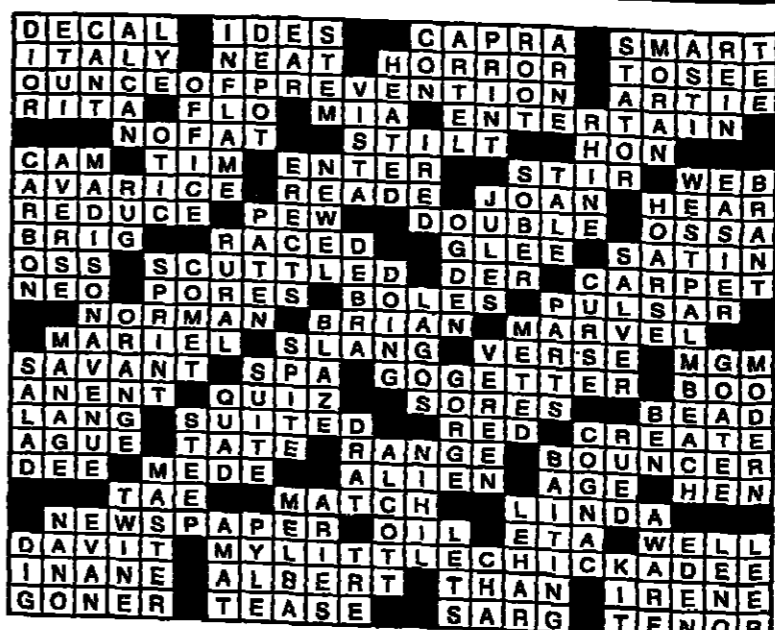
Even if the Fed reversed its economic philosophy overnight and allowed faster growth, tax cuts are hardly the answer. As Clinton's GOP critics note, wages have been stagnant the past four years. They were stagnant for the previous 20 years, too. This fact doesn't damn Clinton; it points to an underlying — and widening — inequality in the economy, as John Judis and Michael Walzer have recently noted. Profits as a share of national income are at peak levels, the stock market is booming, the college-educated are getting richer, yet the average worker remains where he was 20 years ago.

Dole's solution wouldn't fix this. It would make it worse. In the short term, it would widen the income gap. Since income taxes are progressive, cutting them helps the wealthy disproportionately. Supply-siders will say that regressive taxes are OK, since it's confiscatory tax rates that are keeping the productive (read: rich) elements of society from creating more wealth for everyone. But the evidence suggests they're wrong. Clinton's tax hike on the wealthy led to a stock market boom and millions of new jobs. A budget-busting tax cut would shake this confidence, raising rates and braking the U.S. economy. The economic pie would not only be divided less equally, but also get smaller.

Dole's tax cut isn't an economic plan. It's a political plan. One interpretation is that Dole has betrayed his inner deficit hawk. Or perhaps he's just decided to treat the entire voting public as if it were Archer Daniels Midland. For some things have always been more important to Bob Dole than balancing the budget.

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# When stories are not enough

ON CAMERA  
DAVID BRAUNER

**I**N 1952 in Jerusalem, an old man with a white beard and wearing the black garb of a Hassid, was seen weeping in shul. A youngster asked a leading member of the congregation why the old Jew was crying.

The leader explained that in 1917 the man had been a Jewish chaplain attached to the Austrian army. The First World War was raging when his unit entered a small town in northern Italy.

Pessah was approaching, and he inquired about a synagogue. Yes, there was a synagogue, but it was rarely used, even then.

It was hidden behind an ordinary street facade. An old caretaker opened the doors for him. Inside he was awestruck by an incredibly ornate ark and beautiful fittings, the likes of which he had never seen before.

The old man's name was Dr. Dishon. When he had prayed in this same synagogue the first time he was Harry Deutsch, an Austrian army chaplain stationed in the border town of Conegliano-Veneto. In 1952, the 300-year-old Conegliano-Veneto synagogue was transplanted to Jerusalem, and Dishon had come to give thanks. The youngster was David Cassuto, now a Jerusalem deputy mayor and leading member of the Italian community in Israel.

"A good story, but stories are not enough," Cassuto says. "We have pictures."

The Nahon Museum of Italian Jewish Art, established around the synagogue in 1987, holds a

collection of some 3,000 photographs, many over 100 years old. Among the pictures are small prints of Austrian Jewish soldiers at the Conegliano-Veneto synagogue in 1917, and photos of the rededication of the synagogue in Jerusalem in the presence of president Izhak Ben-Zvi in 1952.

The heart of the collection is a series of photographs commissioned by two Ferrara brothers, Silvio and Uberto Magrini, at the end of the 19th century. Unknown photographers produced a total of 705 plates in seven albums of synagogues, ritual objects, ghettos and cemeteries throughout Italy. One set of prints was sent to Rome and a second set arrived in Jerusalem in the mid-1950s. The Roman set has been lost, as were the original plates, which makes the Jerusalem series unique and invaluable.

Later, a second collection of photos of the Roman and Florentine communities was donated by Rabbi Fernando Belgrado of Rome. And since then, many other donors have swelled the museum's archives with historical pictures of Italian Jewry.

According to Virginia Milman, the museum's curator of photography, 95% of the pictures are in "good condition." Each is separately stored in an acid-free paper envelope. For two years now she has been numbering each item, and cataloging the photos according to subjects covering every aspect of Jewish life and culture.

Though Jews first settled in Italy before the Babylonian Exile, the community has never been



The Nahon Museum of Italian Jewish Art photography collection includes this 1880 Florence Ghetto picture (est. 1871) (Repro. David Brauner)

large. At its peak after Italian Emancipation in 1848, there were about 40,000 Jews living in

around 50-60 communities, some as small as 70 to 200 people. Despite their relatively small

numbers compared to France, Germany, Poland and Russia, Italian Jews have always played

an important role in the history of their nation, especially since the time Italy was unified. At the

same time, Italian Jewry evolved a unique tradition and, in particular, a very artistic approach to Jewish life and institutions.

However, much has been lost, not because of the wholesale destruction as in other parts of Europe, but through deterioration from shifting populations and natural attrition. All that remains of many communities are photographs.

Cassuto emphasizes that "historical photographic evidence is a vital means of consciousness-raising. The only way to educate our children [many of whom do not speak a word of Italian] is documentation, documentation, documentation."

Museum director Nava Kessler adds, "It is becoming harder and harder to explain to children today why we are here. That's why preserving old photographs is so important."

Kessler regrets that the museum's modest budget (at present the only source of finance for the photographic archives comes from the David Melul Foundation) cannot provide funds for the manpower required to fully research the content and significance of many of the pictures. Also important, the archives have never been systematically reproduced (rephotographed), a step necessary for disseminating the material to outside researchers, and for mounting exhibitions. Unfortunately, most of the pictures have rarely been seen, except by the staff.

For further information about the collection call Nava Kessler, 02-624-1610.

## Striking a balance between religion and reality

**R**ABBI Yitzhak Yaakov Reines could have adopted Kipling's phrase to describe his own dilemma: "Faith is faith and logic is logic - and never the two will meet." Yet he did his best to achieve some sort of balance between Jewish tradition and the requirements of a modern age.

He founded a yeshiva and included secular sciences in the curriculum, but was obliged to close it after only four years.

Reines responded enthusiastically to Herzl's appeal to join the Zionist movement by creating the Mizrahi organization.

But try as he would to reconcile Halacha with contemporary life, he failed to find a reasonable solution for the inherent contradictions. Of course, faith was always

his strongest ally.

His was a time in which an intelligent Orthodox person could not escape troubling contemplation about God, tradition and modern philosophy.

Spinoza appealed to the inquiring mind. Even Kant seeped into the hard core of Orthodox Judaism in Eastern Europe. The contradictions between the biblical story of creation and the scientific theories of the day were difficult to reconcile.

Prof. Dov Schwartz, of Bar-Ilan University, devotes his 310-page book *Emuna al Parashat Drakhim* ("Faith at the Crossroads") to the "Theology of the Religious Zionist Movement" (Am Oved, publishers).

Zionism, apparently, was not the main credo of National Religious Jews. Reines, and other rabbis

kosher food served in the army. But in the "historical affinity" between the secular Zionists and the religious Zionists, the latter did not claim, at first, a role, in political or national aims.

The National Religious political entity was able to survive only because its leaders made a clear distinction between religious tenets and a pragmatic acceptance of reality. And this is exactly how it should remain, Schwartz argues.

Paradoxically, it was the late Prof. Yeshayahu Leibovitz who denied any link between religion and nationalism. Schwartz remarks: According to Leibovitz, Jews "just became impatient with being ruled by goyim." A "full Jewish life" was, according to Leibovitz, more plausible in the Diaspora than in a Jewish State.

History was "irrelevant in understanding God."

On the other end of the Religious-Zionist spectrum are those who believe that everything that happens to the Jewish people in the Holy Land is the result of a divine miracle. The very establishment of the State of Israel, though apparently brought about by human endeavor, was a miracle, an event that has no logical interpretation, except as the manifestation of Divine will.

Secular Zionists, such as Moshe Shamir, the novelist-cum-politician, currently argue that the "future of the Jewish people in Israel hinges on the ability of the secular and religious to come to terms. If Schwartz's interpretation is valid, it appears that only a miracle can produce it.

## The stubborn pet

HEADS 'N' TAILS  
D'VORA BEN SHAUL

**A**NYONE who has ever really gotten to know both dogs and cats can tell you that cats are far more determined, and yes, they can sometimes be even downright stubborn. Once a cat gets something into its head it's hard to change it. Dogs are far easier to convince that there's another way. But sometimes other factors reinforce what looks like simple pigheadedness.

This is the situation of a reader who says that she is stymied by a 3½-month-old kitten. The kitten was weaned and went to its new home where it at once showed itself to be clean, always using the litter box provided for it. The problem only started recently when they decided that now that the kitten is older it should go outside for its toilet needs. The kitten refuses to do so. It plays outside and then runs home to its litter box. When they put the litter box outside it refuses to use it, manages to contain itself for hours and then, when it goes into the house immediately looks for its customary toilet.

On first consideration it would seem that the kitten is just stubborn and indeed cats can be just that. But there are other factors that also contribute to the problem.

First of all the kitten was weaned much too young. It was only 10 weeks old at the time of the letter to this column and 10 weeks is the age when the kitten should be taken from its mother and litter mates. Because of this it probably lacks self confidence and a feeling of security when it is outside. It most likely would also refuse to eat outside. Kittens feel very vulnerable when eating or attending to their toilet needs and often refuse to do so in a strange place.

There are several ways to approach this problem but all of them hinge on patience. Instead

of putting the litter box outside in the garden, one could try putting it just outside the door. Even then it might take several days. Another thing that would probably help is to start using dry earth instead of other materials in the box so that the kitten gets used to the earth as a repository. In any case, you will probably have to invest a lot of time in getting the kitten used to this new idea.

This case once again stresses the fact that there is far more to maternal care than providing milk. Cats, by nature, have a very long period of maternal instruction. This includes all the cats from the smallest domestic ones, right up to lions and tigers. The instruction period for cats is many times longer than in members of the dog family, for instance.

Had the kitten in the reader's letter remained with its mother for a proper length of time, she would have started to accompany it outside, and, feeling secure with her nearby, the kitten would have undoubtedly imitated her and started to prefer the garden to a litter box. It will most likely start to use the garden for its needs in the course of time; it just requires patience.

In rare circumstances a cat refuses to do this, in which case you are stuck with the chore of taking care of a litter box. It could be worse, it could be one of those kittens that decides that only a pillow, rug or other household object is suitable for its needs.

## Quadriplegic earns tops CIA award

**E**VERY year, the US's Central Intelligence Agency bestows an award on its best scientist, but like most things at the agency, the award has been shrouded in secrecy. The winner is not allowed to tell outsiders - not even family members - of the honor.

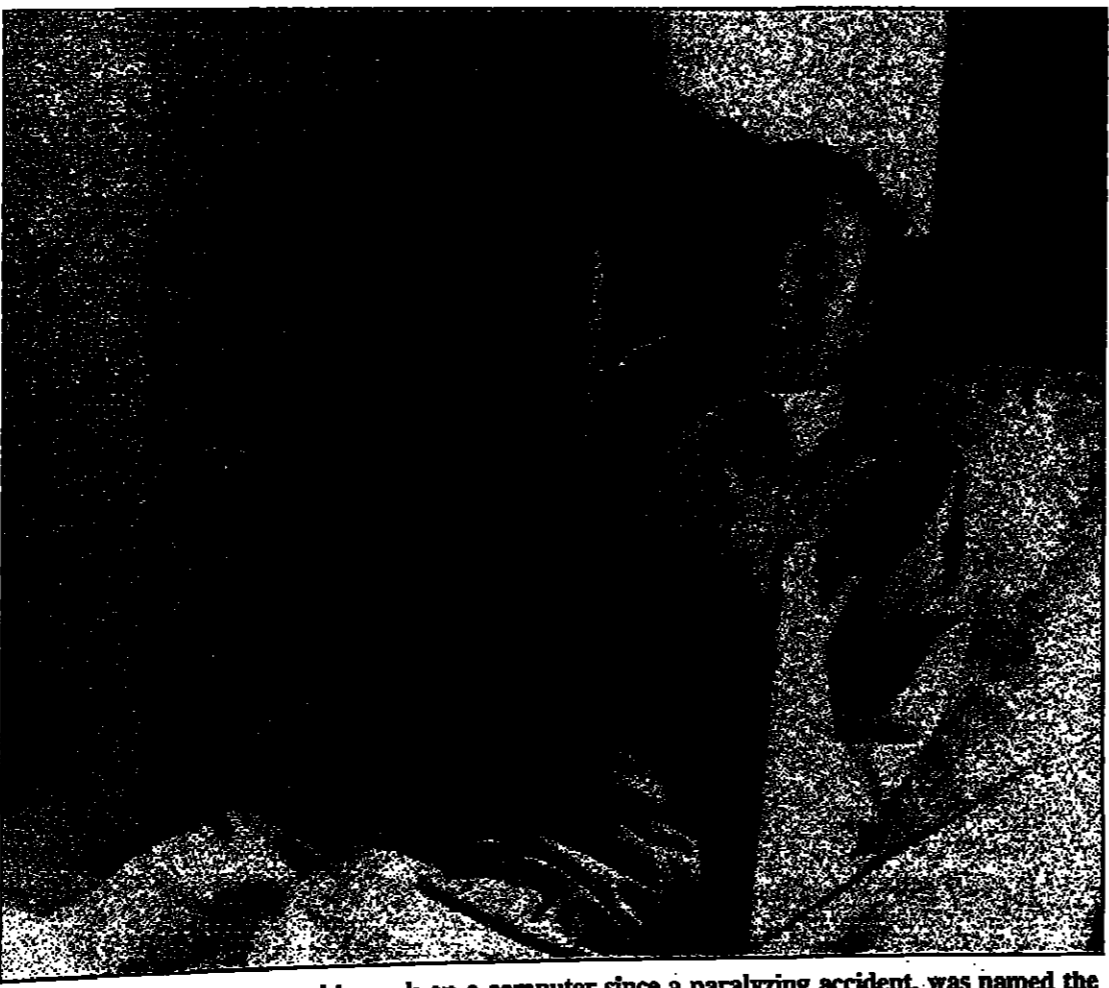
This year, for the first time, the winner's name has been disclosed: John Craven.

A colleague called the CIA's scientist of the year an "out-of-the-box" thinker who makes revolutionary, not evolutionary, advances. The agency, in a brief statement, said Craven's "breakthroughs in areas of computer logic, digital signal processing and laser technology are truly remarkable."

Equally remarkable is the way Craven accomplishes his work - by holding a pointer in his mouth to tap out letters on a computer keyboard - and where he works - at home, lying on a hospital bed.

Since a swimming accident in 1971, Craven has been paralyzed from the neck down.

For a decade following the accident, he lived in a double room at a suburban Maryland nursing home. While one elderly person after another slowly died next to him, Craven performed his CIA work, one tap on the keyboard at a time.



John Craven, who taps out his work on a computer since a paralyzing accident, was named the CIA's top scientist for this year. (Bill O'Leary/Washington Post)

Now he lives on his own in a modest apartment in Wheaton, Maryland, where he has a round-the-clock care-giver.

Craven does not seek publicity. He is a private man who had to be persuaded by the CIA's public-affairs department to grant an interview. He agreed, largely because he is thankful to the agency. The last thing he wants is sympathy or condescension.

So if it is possible, forget that his arms and legs are withered and remember just one thing: John Craven is the CIA's scientist of the year. He beat everyone else.

"You read these maudlin stories about 'So-and-so triumphs under trying circumstances,'" he says during an interview in his apartment. "I don't want to contribute to that kind of story, because I don't want to make myself out as either a poor, pathetic person or as somebody who's a hero or remarkable in some way.

"I think a lot of people in the same circumstances would do just as well. I think people are very resilient and a lot tougher than

they think they are."

Craven, 57, received the award for three projects. One involves the use of microwave technology to increase, by a factor of 100, the speed at which computers can operate. The second project involves a new form of laser technology and the third he is not allowed to talk about.

"Our charter is to push the state of the art," Craven says, referring to the corps of scientists working in the agency's Directorate for Science and Technology. "My goal is not to nudge the state of the art, but to try to make a quantum leap. The exciting thing about science is to do something original."

After completing a doctorate at the University of Chicago, Craven went to work for the CIA. He was placed on a special career-development track for the agency's top prospects, a six-month program that sent him all over the country, from Cape Canaveral to a U-2 spy-plane

base to Strategic Air Command headquarters in Wyoming and a nuclear submarine. The idea was to acquaint the best and the brightest with every aspect of the government's military and scientific hardware.

And then the accident happened. In 1971, Craven drove to Ocean City, Maryland, with his wife and 2-year-old son.

They dropped off their bags at a hotel, changed into swimsuits and headed out to the beach. Craven was a strong swimmer, so there was no need for him to worry about the powerful waves. He swam through them, beyond them.

When the final wave he was riding tossed him head over heels, he hit a sandbar, and his neck snapped between the third and fourth vertebrae. Instantly and forever, he was paralyzed from the neck down.

Craven's brother, who had come along for the weekend, was watch-

ing from the shoreline and ran out into the water when he saw what happened. He pulled Craven's head out of the water, and Craven said to him, "I'm in big trouble here."

"When something like this happens and nearly destroys your life, you ask whether it's worth it to go on," Craven says. "You get depressed, you feel sorry for yourself for a while, but there's not much to be gained by that. You just make the best of a bad situation."

Craven was taken to a hospital, where he remained for six months. After that, he was sent to a geriatric nursing home, where the CIA sent him unclassified programs to work on - an odd situation by any estimation.

Craven has nothing but praise for the agency's decision to give him a chance at a time when chances for disabled people were few.

It went well. The workload grew

and became classified, and Craven began the most remarkable journey of all - up the ranks of the CIA. A few years ago, he reached the highest level, the Senior Intelligence Service.

The accomplishment that Craven is most proud of, however, has nothing to do with his work. It is his son, Scott, 27, a financial analyst for a New York asset-management firm.

"When I looked at my friends, I never felt that they had the sort of closeness with their parents that I had with mine," says Scott, whose parents have an amicable divorce and remain on the best of terms. "Having a relationship on a mental level helped to solidify a real bond. We grew very close through his always being there, always being willing to help me, always lending an ear, always setting a great example."

What kind of example can a quadriplegic set for his son? The example, Scott says, involved dignity, integrity, compassion, intelligence and determination.

(Los Angeles Times)

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## Shearer scores in Newcastle debut

## Charity Shield stakes raised

LINCOLN (Reuters) - Alan Shearer, Newcastle's world record signing, found his goal-scoring touch in his first outing for his new club in a 2-0 victory over Lincoln in a friendly on Friday.

As Newcastle warmed up for its Charity Shield clash today the £15 million England striker coolly slotted home a first half penalty to open his account.

Belgian defender Philippe Albert stole forward to settle the issue by doubling Newcastle's tally midway through the second half as the league runners-up, minus only the services of virus-hit Les Ferdinand, turned on the style against their third division hosts.

Newcastle manager Kevin Keegan unleashed Shearer for the full 90 minutes, but it was nine minutes before the former Blackburn star managed to get even a touch.

But when he did it almost brought a goal. The new Newcastle hero chested down to Robert Lee before moving on to the return ball to clatter a right foot shot just wide from 20 yards.

Another Shearer blockbuster, this time with his left foot, from a Ginola cut-back brought a fine block from home keeper Barry Richardson.

But it was Lincoln who should have scored first on the half hour, Brown somehow heading over an

open goal from six yards.

The next time Lincoln gave Shearer a sniff of the target they were made to pay. Steve Holmes handled needlessly under pressure from the menacing striker as they challenged for Beardsley's deep 33rd minute cross, and Shearer despatched the spot kick with minimum fuss as the keeper guessed wrongly by plunging to his left.

That was the cue for Newcastle to take complete charge and they twice threatened to go further ahead before half time.

After the break, Newcastle withstood a fierce Lincoln counterattack and Albert nodded home from almost under the bar

after substitute Faustino Asprilla had retrieved Keith Gillespie's wellplaced cross with an intelligent header.

Shearer, quiet in the second half by his own sky-high standards, almost scored again on 71 minutes, planting a powerful header flush against the bar from Ginola's corner.

In other action yesterday, the Scottish League season opened with Premier Division Aberdeen drawing 2-2 with Celtic, Dundee United and Motherwell drawing 1-1, Hibernian losing away 2-1 to Kilmarnock 2 and host Glasgow Rangers beating Raith 1-0. Dumfries and Hearts was postponed.

LONDON (Reuters) - The English Charity Shield is usually a relaxed affair - a sunny August prelude to the new season and a gentle reminder of the battles from the past year's league and FA Cup campaigns.

Not so this year.

Alan Shearer's decision to join Newcastle - despite the best efforts of Manchester United to coax him to Old Trafford - and memories of the epic tussle for last season's English league title, have added spice to today's Wembley clash between the two most ambitious clubs in English soccer.

The game comes amidst news that international striker Lee Sharpe of Manchester United has moved to Leeds for £4 million.

While last year's dull encounter between Everton and Blackburn attracted just 40,000 fans to Wembley, this year's Charity Shield is not far short of a 73,000 sell-out.

United won the league tug-of-war last year, overhauling a 12-point deficit to steal the title away from Newcastle in the last week of the season. They went on to

complete the double for the second time in three years.

Newcastle ended the season empty-handed, missing out on their first league title since 1927.

But revenge for last season will be only a secondary motive for Kevin Keegan's men when they line up for today's match, the traditional curtain-raiser to the English soccer season.

More important will be to score an early psychological hit in a campaign which - if pre-season signings are anything to go by - will end with either United or Newcastle as champions.

Shearer, inevitably, will be the man to watch. Making his competitive debut for the club he supported as a boy following his world-record move, the omens are good for the England striker, who turns 26 on Tuesday.

First, Shearer relishes big match debuts. At 17 he scored a hat-trick in his first-team debut for Southampton, and two goals in his first match for Blackburn.

Furthermore, Wembley is a happy hunting ground. In June, at Euro 96, he scored five times in open play for England, ending up

as the tournament's top scorer.

For United, Karel Poborsky returns to the stadium where he and his Czech teammates lost the European championship final in June, and Jordi Cruyff will also be on show.

"I don't intend to have either Karel or Jordi in the starting line up on Sunday but both of them will get a run out," Ferguson said.

Frenchman Eric Cantona will be back at Wembley for the first time since his goal won the FA Cup for United in May. He also faces Newcastle for the first time since scoring the only goal in their tense league clash at St James's Park in March.

For Newcastle, England striker Les Ferdinand will want to prove he is more than just Shearer's sidekick, as will Colombian forward Faustino Asprilla and French winger David Ginola.

The Charity Shield traditionally pits the English league champions against the FA Cup winners, but as Manchester United won both competitions last season, Newcastle qualified for today's match as league runners-up.

## Gold medalist trading javelin for a tomahawk?

ATLANTA (AP) - Jan Zelezny walked to the bullpen in the right-field corner at Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium, looking a bit uncomfortable with a glove on his left hand and a little white ball in his right.

That wasn't surprising: Zelezny is used to throwing a javelin, not a baseball.

But four days after winning his second straight Olympic gold medal, Zelezny worked out Wednesday for the World Series champion Atlanta Braves, hoping to begin a new career as a pitcher.

In an event that looked more like a publicity stunt than a legitimate tryout, Zelezny spent 25 minutes throwing under the watchful eye of pitching coach Leo Mazzone, several Braves officials and about 40 members of the media.

"It was a great experience for me," said Zelezny, a native of the Czech Republic who has never played baseball. "I hope I didn't disappoint anyone."

Zelezny's lack of baseball knowledge was quickly apparent. Mazzone had to instruct him on even the most rudimentary aspects of pitching, including the grip and three-step process for delivering the ball. Then Zelezny's third pitch sailed over the head of bullpen catcher Ned Yost - and over the 8-foot-high screen behind Yost.

Nearby, four-time Cy Young pitcher Greg Maddux watched the tryout sitting on a bucket of balls. He didn't seem the least bit concerned that his job was in jeopardy.

"We're not disappointed with what we saw at all," insisted Paul Snyder, the Braves' director of scouting. "He's basically starting in first grade when it comes to baseball."

Zelezny called to ask for a tryout after Bill Clark, the Braves' director of international scouting, attended a baseball tournament in Prague. Clark believed the idea was feasible since the motion of throwing a 1-pound javelin is similar to throwing a 5-ounce baseball.

The Braves said they would invite Zelezny to spring training next year, and the javelin thrower plans to be there. For the rest of this year, though, it's back to Europe to continue his track and field career.

"It's going to take something



HEY, YOU NEVER KNOW - Atlanta Braves' pitching coach Leo Mazzone watches Olympian javelinist Jan Zelezny's mechanics as he tries out for the ballclub last week.

lengthier than a 15-minute tryout, obviously," Snyder said. "But if he could do that every other day for, say, 20 or 30 days, imagine what he could do."

Zelezny eventually managed to get good velocity on his pitches - probably in the mid-70 mph range - but nothing close to major-league caliber. And the intricacies of pitching - breaking balls, changing speeds - are completely foreign to him.

His uniform was a bit unorthodox, too: red athletic tights trimmed in gold and black, a T-shirt and no cap.

"For someone who hasn't thrown a baseball a whole lot, I thought he did all right," Mazzone said. "When I told him to pop one

in there good, he did it."

Of course, another time when Zelezny tried to muscle up on a pitch, it went sailing over the screen and nearly hit a cameraman filming the event alongside the dugout.

"A little high cheese," Mazzone said, unable to keep himself from cracking up. "That's all right. Don't sacrifice stuff for location."

At age 30, Zelezny faces nearly insurmountable odds if he is serious about playing baseball. Michael Jordan had at least played baseball in high school when he tried to make the switch from the NBA to the major leagues, whereas Zelezny's experience is limited to watching a few games on television and tossing a ball with his 7-year-old son in the backyard.

## Suffering from Olympic withdrawal? Surf on over to the Israeli Olympic website

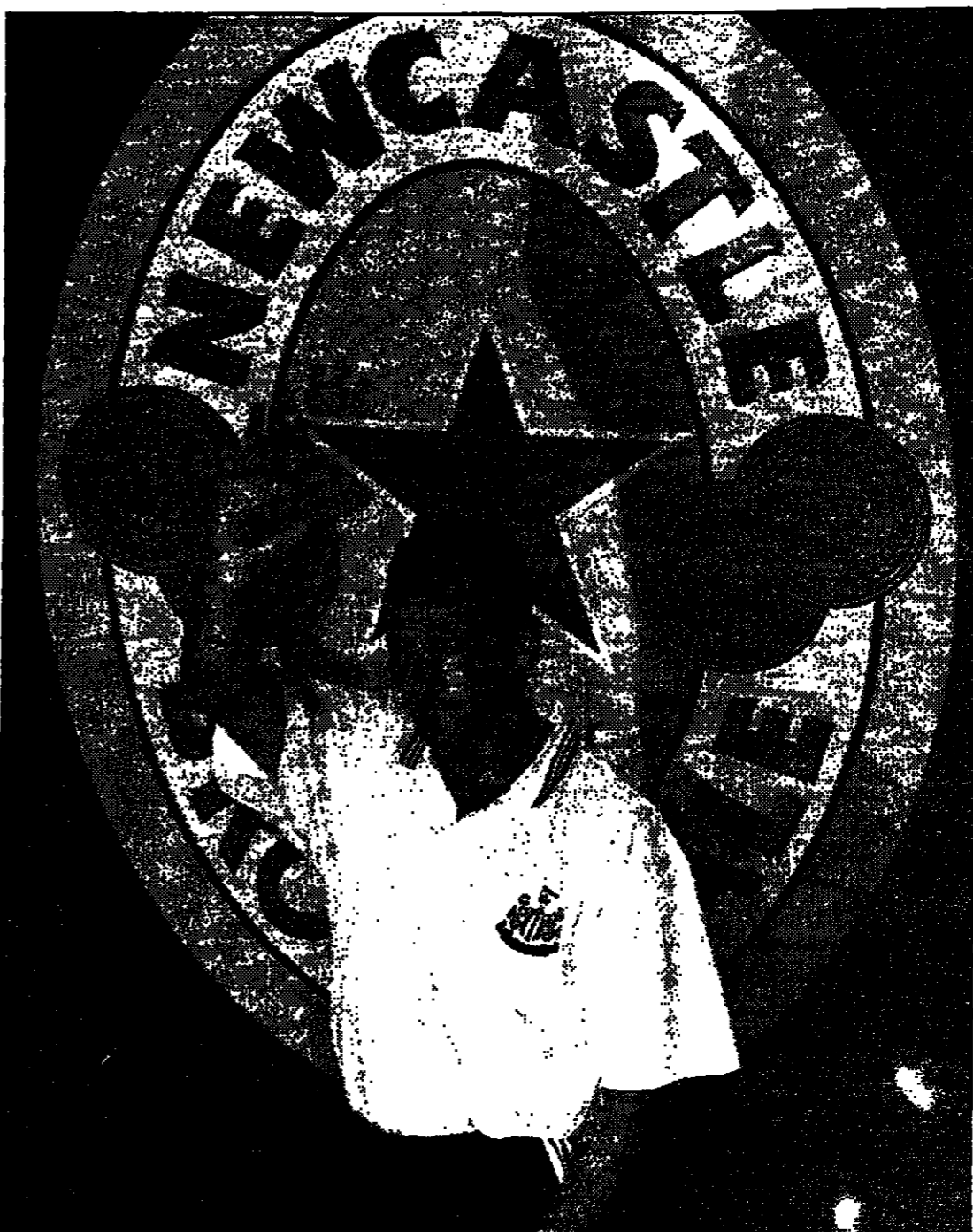
JUDY SIEGEL

If you're having difficulty weaning yourself from the Olympic Games, you can still get information over the Internet in English and Hebrew until the end of August. IBM-Israel launched with the games a special Hebrew-language site on the Israeli sportsmen and women who participated in the Atlanta games, and with *The Jerusalem Post*, most of it has been translated into English. Several thousand people - about half in Israel and the rest abroad, mostly in North America - have accessed the sites during each day of the quadrennial event.

IBM International sponsored a general Internet site on the Atlanta Games (<http://www.ibm.net>), but for those especially keen on the Israeli aspect of the games, the IBM-Israel site will be more interesting. The English-language site, accessible by clicking on an icon in *The Jerusalem Post's Internet Edition* (<http://www.jpost.co.il>) was designed by Context Ltd. IBM-Israel's Hebrew-language site is at [olympic.ibm.net.il](http://olympic.ibm.net.il).

The local site provides full information about the Israeli athletes, as well as a special message board for people who log on from anywhere in the world to leave their ideas and reactions. The Hebrew version carries a collection of Olympics cartoons that were drawn over several decades by the veteran *Ha'aretz* cartoonist Ze'ev.

Both versions have a memorial site to the 11 Israeli sportsmen murdered during the Munich games in 1972; their portraits and biographies are presented along with a bouquet of flowers next to each photograph. A trivia quiz (winners received a CD-ROM), games schedule and medal information are also presented. IBM-Israel spokeswoman Shula Heimer said the company invested \$20,000 on the local site, and that the giant corporation's subsidiaries only in New Zealand and Ghana produced their own local Internet sites for the games.



BREAK OUT THE CHAMPAGNE - With the recent addition of goal-meister Alan Shearer to the club, Newcastle can hardly wait for the season to begin.

## Fans flock to Cooperstown to remember baseball's 'better days'

COOPERSTOWN, NY (AP) - Each year at this time, baseball fans descend on this normally quiet village to share stories of the game's greatest players and pay homage to its past.

Disenchanted with today's labor conflicts, high ticket prices and high player salaries, many of the sport's faithful say a trip to Cooperstown eases their anger and stirs memories of a time when the sport was untouched by monetary issues.

And even as thousands of fans joined their heroes last week to welcome Earl Weaver and Jim Bunning into the Hall of Fame, some say a feeling of anger and disappointment still lingered in the air.

"There is definitely more of a sense of nostalgia than there is a love for today's game," said Maggie Price, a manager at a local memorabilia store. "Many people who come to Cooperstown say they come to take more of a look back than anything else."

"Baseball on the major league level has struggled to regain the trust of its fans since a strike wiped out the 1994 World Series and led to a shortened season in 1995. The union's leadership says players may walk out again if owners unilaterally impose work rules."

As a result, Price said more and more baseball fans are looking to the past to recapture the game's excitement.

"Baseball is trying to do a little more to win back the fans," said Lance Conklin, of Connecticut, who took his family on their first visit to the Hall. "But I can't help but look back at my childhood

when I'm in here. I was a big Mickey Mantle fan."

Look down Main Street and storefront windows are full of mementos of teams long gone, such as the Brooklyn Dodgers and New York Giants. Autograph-seekers, both young and old, hover around Don Larsen and Hank Bauer to hear stories of the Yankees' World Series victories.

"The problem with today's game is that there are too many people making too much

money," said Bob Rinaldi, a long-time fan and village visitor from Staten Island. "It's much different now."

Some fans remained unfazed by the antics of today's well-paid players, said Bill Yoerg, of Pennsylvania, who made his first visit to the Hall. He said the sport has been making progress getting fans back.

"I am attracted to Cooperstown and the game itself both by a sense of nostalgia and an appreciation

for the game," he said. "The majors need to keep doing a lot of things to keep getting people involved."

It was a sentiment shared by Bunning in his induction speech. "I urge the fans not to give up on baseball," Bunning said. "It's hard to remember that it's just a kid's game."

He added that players and owners needed to resolve their differences permanently, "pick a course and then stick with it."

## Hall of Fame plaques

Lettering on the Hall of Fame plaques of Earl Weaver, Jim Bunning, Bill Foster and Ned Hanlon, each enshrined August 4 in Cooperstown, N.Y.

### Earl Sidney Weaver

Baltimore, A.L. 1968-1982, 1985-1986  
Managed Orioles with intensity, flair and acerbic wit for 17 seasons. .583 winning percentage (1480-1060) ranks fifth all-time among 20th century managers with 10 or more years service. 94.3 wins per season ranks first. Five 100-win seasons second on all-time list. Won six A.L. East titles, four pennants and 1970 World Series.

### James Paul David Bunning

Detroit, A.L. 1955-1963; Philadelphia, N.L. 1964-1967, 1970-1971; Pittsburgh, N.L. 1968-1969; Los Angeles, N.L. 1969  
Maintained dedication and consistency throughout 17 seasons while posting career record of 224-184 with 3.27 ERA. Intimidating right-handed sidearm won 100 games, pitched no-hitter and struck out 1,000 in both leagues. 1964 perfect game was first in N.L. in 20th century. Second all-time in strikeouts (2,855) upon retirement in 1971. Enjoyed second career as multi-term U.S. Congressman.

### Edward Hugh Hanlon (Ned)

Pittsburgh, N.L. 1889, 1891; Pittsburgh, P.L. 1890; Baltimore, N.L. 1892-1898; Brooklyn, N.L. 1899-1905; Cincinnati, N.L. 1906-1907  
Manager of five pennant winning teams with Baltimore and Brooklyn, employing innovative tactics such as hit and run, squeeze and Baltimore chop. Four of his players - McGraw, Robinson, Jennings and Huggins themselves became Hall of Fame managers. Also headed baseball's rules committee. A speedy outfielder with Detroit during his playing days.

### William Hendrick Foster

Negro Leagues, 1923-1937  
Regarded as one of the best left-handed pitchers in Negro League history and also managed several clubs. Devastating sidearm delivery made him consistent winner. Instrumental in Chicago American Giants' Negro League pennant and World Series success in 1926, 1927, 1928 and 1933. Won 26 straight in 1928 and had 32-3 mark in 1927. Coached baseball at alma mater, Alcorn A&M College in Mississippi, 1960-1978.

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# Soccer season opens with 24 goals in Toto Cup action

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THE opening weekend of the 1996-97 soccer season logged up a respectable total of 20,000 spectators at seven first-round Toto Cup games. Despite the summer layoff, the teams wasted no time getting down to business, chalking up 24 goals between them.

Unfortunately the referees were also busy, sending off six players. Around 5,000 fans turned out at Teddy Stadium yesterday to see Betar Jerusalem host Hapoel Taiba for the Israeli-Arab side's first-ever official match as members of the National League. Although the match ended in a goalless draw the game was full of incident and fast open-flowing soccer. Taiba mayor, Rafik Haj Yehiye who is a committee member, warmly praised the reception given his side by the Betar management, who made every effort to avoid problems in what could have been a potentially stormy debut by Taiba in front of the Jerusalemite's nationalistic fans.

The only black mark in the match was the second-half dismissal of Eitan Mizrahi, and even

the Betar fans gave a relatively friendly welcome to the visitors.

The hosts' fans were more concerned with berating their players for the awful display in midweek against Bodo/Gilim in the UEFA Cup, a match with the Betars would rather forget after losing 5-1. Both sides had their chances to score, in an open, fast-paced match. Sahar Mizrahi had an excellent early chance to put the visitors ahead. Taiba's goalkeeper, Shlomi Dahan later made a superb diving save late in the first half when he denied Betar's Yossi Abuksis.

The most exciting fixture of the weekend proved to be Hapoel Petah Tikva's match against Hapoel Haifa which ended 4-4. Bnei Yehuda also managed to net four goals in a 4-2 away victory at Maccabi Herzliya. The Hatikva Quarter outfit is looking to sign Maccabi Haifa's Alon Hazan, but still has to close a deal with Alon Mizrahi.

Maccabi Tel Aviv managed to

put its Euro-blues behind as it cruised to a 4-0 win at home against Zefirim Holon, while Maccabi Haifa scraped to a 1-0 victory against Maccabi Petah Tikva in Nahariya.

Newly-promoted Hapoel Jerusalem found the going tough, opening its season's account with

### National League Toto Cup

Group A	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Macc. Tel Aviv	1	1	0	0	4	0	3
Zefirim Holon	1	0	0	1	0	4	0
Hapoel Tel Aviv	1	0	0	1	0	4	0
Ironi Rishon	1	0	0	1	0	4	0

Group B	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Hapoel Beersheba	1	1	0	0	3	0	3
Macc. Haifa	1	1	0	0	1	0	3
Macc. PT	1	0	1	0	1	0	1
Hapoel Be'er Sheva	1	0	0	1	0	3	0

Group C	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bnei Yehuda	1	1	0	0	4	2	3
Bet. Jerusalem	1	0	1	0	0	1	1
Hapoel Taiba	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
Macc. Herzliya	1	0	0	1	2	4	0

Group D	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Hapoel Kfar Sava	1	1	0	0	2	0	3
Hapoel PT	1	0	1	0	4	2	1
Hapoel Haifa	1	0	1	0	4	4	1
Hapoel Jerusalem	1	0	0	1	0	2	0

a two-goal defeat at Hapoel Kfar Sava while southerners Hapoel Beersheba managed to start the proceedings as 3-0 victors as host to Hapoel Beit She'an.

The final match of the round's action, between Hapoel Tel Aviv and Ironi Rishon Lezion will be played tomorrow, after Rishon was given time to recover from its trip to Moldova.

### TOTO CUP

GROUP A	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Macc. Tel Aviv	1	1	0	0	4	0	3
Zefirim Holon	1	0	0	1	0	4	0
Hapoel Tel Aviv	1	0	0	1	0	4	0
Ironi Rishon	1	0	0	1	0	4	0

GROUP B	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Hapoel Beersheba	1	1	0	0	3	0	3
Macc. Haifa	1	1	0	0	1	0	3
Macc. PT	1	0	1	0	1	0	1
Hapoel Be'er Sheva	1	0	0	1	0	3	0

GROUP C	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bnei Yehuda	1	1	0	0	4	2	3
Bet. Jerusalem	1	0	1	0	0	1	1
Hapoel Taiba	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
Macc. Herzliya	1	0	0	1	2	4	0

GROUP D	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Hapoel Kfar Sava	1	1	0	0	2	0	3
Hapoel PT	1	0	1	0	4	2	1
Hapoel Haifa	1	0	1	0	4	4	1
Hapoel Jerusalem	1	0	0	1	0	2	0

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# Stewart leads England fightback with 170

LEEDS (Reuter) - Alec Stewart hit a timely 170 yesterday as England's middle order batsmen hauled its side back into the second Test against Pakistan at Headingley.

The Surrey opener, who has struggled to hold his place in the side this summer, cracked his first Test century for two years and his second-highest Test score ever as England moved to within sight of Pakistan's first innings total of 448.

When bad light brought play to a close about 20 minutes early on the third day, they were 373 for five, 75 behind with five wickets in hand.

Nick Knight, back in the side at No. 6 after opening the batting against India at Edgbaston earlier in the summer, was still at the wicket having completed a fluent third Test half-century.

His 50 came from 66 balls and included seven fours, and he ended the day on 51 with Jack Russell on nought not out.

Stewart held the England fightback together throughout almost the entire day.

He shared a stand of 107 with Nasser Hussain, the only England victim during a rain-delayed and

shortened morning session, and then saw Graham Thorpe dismissed for 16.

The left-handed Thorpe, who hit a gutsy 77 in the first innings of the first Test at Lord's, edged a sharply turning delivery from Mushtaq Ahmed onto his pads and into the hands of Shadab Kabir at short leg.

Stewart, defending patiently and content to crack Mushtaq's occasional wayward ball to the boundary, reached his eighth Test century from 168 balls after 242 minutes at the wicket.

His final 70 runs came in partnerships with John Crawley, who hit a lively 53 on his return to the Test side before being caught behind by Moin Khan while trying to drive Uta-ur-Rehman through the covers, and Knight.

Stewart fell half an hour before stumps, caught and bowled while attempting to straight-drive Mushtaq.

The England opener's 170, which included 24 fours, came off 315 balls and took 432 minutes. It was 20 runs short of his highest Test score - the 190 he hit against Pakistan at Edgbaston in 1992.

To England's relief, the ball

failed to swing under heavy cloud cover at Leeds and a tired-looking Waqar Younis finished with costly figures of one for 110 from 22 overs. Mushtaq took two for 94 from 35 while Rehman and captain Wasim Akram claimed a wicket apiece.

Pakistan leads the three-match series 1-0.

Scoreboard on the third day of the second Test between England and Pakistan at Headingley yesterday

Pakistan first innings 448 (Ijaz Ahmed 141, Moin Khan 105, Saif Malik 55, Asif Mujtaba 51)	
England first innings (overnight 104-1)	
M.Atherton c Moin Khan b Wasim Akram	12
A.Stewart c and b Mushtaq Ahmed	170
N.Hussain c and b Waqar Younis	48
G.Thorpe c Saif Malik b M.Ahmed	16
J.Crawley c Moin Khan b Ata-ur-Rehman	53
N.Knight not out	51
J.Russell not out	0
Extras (b-7 lb-15 nb-1)	23
Total (for five wickets, 110 overs)	373
Fall of wickets: 1-14 2-21 3-168 4-257 5-365	
To bat: C.Lewis, D.Cook, A.Cadock, J.Mullaly	
Bowling (to date): Wasim Akram 27-6-72-1, Waqar Younis 23-3-110-1, Ata-ur-Rehman 18-1-89-1, Mushtaq Ahmed 35-12-94-2, Asif Mujtaba 7-5-6-0	

# Sierra reaps revenge in the Bronx

NEW YORK (AP) - Ruben Sierra marked his return to Yankee Stadium with his first homer for Detroit and five RBIs as the Tigers beat New York 5-3 on Friday.

Sierra, traded by the Yankees to the Tigers on July 31 for Cecil Fielder, hit a three-run homer in the first inning and a two-run double in the fifth. He accounted for all the runs off Andy Pettitte (16-7), who leads the AL in wins.

Fielder hit a two-run homer in his first game against his former team. It was his 29th overall, and third for the Tigers.

Sierra's homer was his 12th of the season. He came into the game with only two RBIs in 21 at-bats for the Tigers.

John Cummings (2-0) pitched 2 1/2 hitless innings in relief of starter AJ Sager.

Rangers 5, Blue Jays 4  
Juan Gonzalez hit the 100 RBI mark and Ivan Rodriguez homered and drove in three runs as Texas won on the road.

The 26-year-old Gonzalez reached 100 RBIs for the fourth time in his career, most in Rangers history.

Gonzalez singled home a run in the seventh for a 5-4 lead. Rusty Greer tripled with one out off Paul Quantrill (4-11) and scored on Gonzalez's hit.

Red Sox 9, Brewers 7 (1st)  
Red Sox 4, Brewers 1 (2nd)  
Vaughn Eshelman came within one out of his first career complete game as visiting Boston finished off a doubleheader sweep.

Eshelman (6-3) gave up six hits and Stan Belinda got the last out for his first save. Ricky Bones (7-12) was the loser.

Troy O'Leary hit a three-run homer that highlighted Boston's win in the opener.

Jeff Suppan (1-1) was the winner and Heathcliff Slocumb got his 17th save. Former Boston pitcher Tim VanEgmond (1-1) took the loss.

Twins 6, Mariners 5  
Pat Meares hit a three-run homer, capping a six-run rally in the fourth inning that sent Minnesota to an away win.

Randy Johnson, making his second relief appearance in four days for the Mariners, pitched three shutout innings. The 1995 Cy Young winner, who allowed four hits and struck out three, is working out of the bullpen while returning from back problems.

Ken Griffey Jr. hit his 35th home run, helping the Mariners take an early 3-0 lead. But the Twins rallied to win their fourth straight game, coming back against Bob Wolcott (7-9).

### FRIDAY'S NL RESULTS:

- Florida 2, New York 1 (10)
- Houston 5, Philadelphia 1
- Chicago 11, Montreal 9
- San Diego 4, Pittsburgh 1
- Cincinnati 9, Los Angeles 4
- Colorado 6, Atlanta 4
- San Francisco 8, St. Louis 6

### THURSDAY'S NL RESULTS:

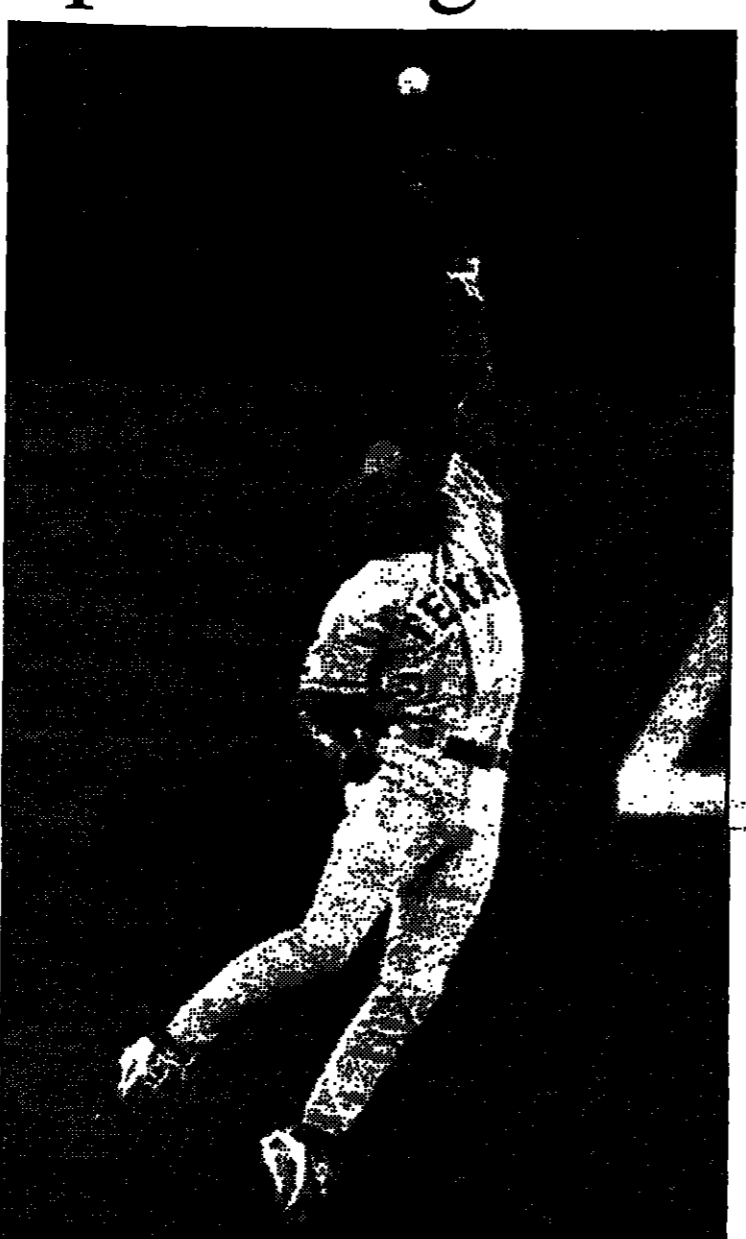
- Houston 6, Montreal 2
- New York 3, Florida 0
- Philadelphia 4, Atlanta 1
- San Diego 12, Pittsburgh 3
- San Francisco 5, St. Louis 3 (10)

### FRIDAY'S AL RESULTS:

- Boston 9, Milwaukee 7 (1st)
- Boston 4, Milwaukee 1 (2)
- Detroit 5, New York 3
- Texas 5, Toronto 4
- Chicago 4, Baltimore 3 (10)
- Kansas City 5, California 3
- Minnesota 6, Seattle 5
- Cleveland 10, Oakland 4

### THURSDAY'S AL RESULTS:

- Toronto 9, Boston 6
- New York 8, Chicago 4
- Baltimore 6, Milwaukee 4
- Oakland 2, Kansas City 1
- Minnesota 13, California 6
- Cleveland 2, Seattle 1
- Detroit 3, Texas 2



BAD HOP - Rangers CF Darryl Hamilton jumps as a short fly, hit by Blue Jays' Tomas Perez, bounces over his head for a triple. (Reuter)

Jose Parra (3-3) pitched 2 1/2 innings for the victory. Francisco Rodriguez gave up one run in 3 2/3 innings for his first save in the majors.

Royals 5, Angels 3  
Indians 10, Athletics 4  
Albert Belle broke open a tight game with his 38th home run and Jack McDowell made a successful return from the disabled list as Cleveland won on the road.

Jim Thome and Brian Giles each had three hits and combined to drive in five runs for the Indians, who improved their major league-leading road record 38-23.

### NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Atlanta	70	44	614	-			
Montreal	63	51	553	7			
New York	55	62	470	16 1/2			
Florida	53	63	457	18			
Phila	48	68	414	23			

### Central Division

Houston	62	54	534	-			
St. Louis	61	55	526	1			
Cincinnati	56	55	505	3 1/2			
Chicago	56	58	491	5			
Pittsburgh	51	65	440	11			

### West Division

San Diego	63	55	534	-			
Colorado	60	55	522	1 1/2			
Los Angeles	59	56	513	2 1/2			
San Francisco	49	65	430	12			

### AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
New York	68	46	596	-			
Baltimore	59	55	518	9			
Boston	55	61	474	14			
Boston	55	63	457	16			
Toronto	53	67	357	27 1/2			
Detroit	41	74	357	27 1/2			

### Central Division

Cleveland	71	45	612	-			
Chicago	64	52	552	7			
Chicago	66	59	487	14 1/2			
Minnesota	56	62	470	16 1/2			
Milwaukee	55	62	470	16 1/2			
Kansas City	54	63	482	17 1/2			

### West Division

Texas	64	52	562	-			
Texas	60	54	526	3			
Seattle	57	60	487	7 1/2			
Oakland	52	63	452	11 1/2			
California	57	63	452	11 1/2			

McDowell (10-6), activated Friday after being sidelined three weeks because of a muscle strain in his right forearm, went five innings, striking out six and walking none in winning his fourth straight decision.

McDowell gave up three runs and seven hits in his first start since July 21.

With Cleveland ahead 4-3 in the seventh, Belle hit a two-run homer to move within one of major league leader Mark McGwire, who fanned three times after a first-inning sacrifice fly.

Dave Telgheder (1-3) took the loss.

### NATIONAL LEAGUE

Rockies 6, Braves 4  
Andres Galarraga singled home two runs to cap a three-run seventh inning as Colorado rallied for a road victory over Tom Glavine.

Colorado, the second worst road team in the NL at 20-36, has won four in a row on the road.

The Rockies trailed 4-2 entering the seventh, but loaded the bases off Glavine (12-6).

Galarraga's two RBIs give him 104, breaking a tie with teammate Dante Bichette for the NL lead.

Rookie Jamey Wright (3-1) won his second straight start. He and three relievers retired the final 13 batters, and Bruce Ruffin pitched the ninth for his 17th save.

Glavine's four-game winning streak ended with his first loss in eight starts since June 28 at Florida. Chipper Jones hit his 24th homer for the Braves.

Giants 8, Cardinals 6  
Barry Bonds hit three run-scoring singles and Oswaldo Fernandez ended his six-game losing streak as San Francisco won at St. Louis.

After losing eight straight on the road, the Giants have won two in a row at Busch Stadium.

Rookie first baseman Desi Wilson and Glenallen Hill each had three of the Giants' 16 hits.

## Darryl's 5 in 3; Eddie's 494th

Darryl Strawberry hit two home runs on Thursday, giving him five in his last three games to lead host New York to an 8-4 victory over Chicago.

Strawberry, who hit three home runs in a 9-2 win Tuesday night, capped a four-run third inning with a three-run homer off starter Luis Anderson (0-2). He added a solo shot-homer in the fifth, his eighth since joining the Yankees on July 7.

Also on Thursday, Eddie Murray moved past Lou Gehrig into sole possession of 15th place on the career-homer list as visiting Baltimore beat Milwaukee 6-4.

Murray's 15th homer of the year and 494th of his career came off reliever Doug Jones in the sixth and put Baltimore ahead 6-2.

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BUSINESS & FINANCE

Dow falls 32 points

WALL STREET REPORT

NEW YORK (AP) - Stocks turned lower near the close Friday as a discouraging report on semiconductor sales dampened enthusiasm over a tame inflation report that sent interest rates lower in the bond market.

On Wall Street, the Dow Jones industrial average dropped 32.18 points to close at 5,681.31, after meandering almost unchanged through most of the session.

But a big chunk of the Dow's late slide came on Philip Morris shares, which plunged on news that a Florida jury had awarded damages to a smoker who sued Brown and Williamson Tobacco. Philip Morris called the verdict, which could have ramifications in other suits against the tobacco industry, an aberration.

Bonds rallied after the Labor Department reported that wholesale prices were unchanged in July, the latest in a stream of signals that inflation is not threatening a six-year economic expansion.

Many analysts had expected a 0.2 percent advance in the Producer Price Index.

The yield on the 30-year Treasury bond - a key determinant of borrowing costs for business and consumers - slipped below 6.7 percent for the first time since early April, when inflation fears were becoming rampant.

The PPI report strengthened beliefs the Federal Reserve will not need to raise short-term interest rates later this month to hold prices in check. Higher interest rates and bond yields can hurt stocks by raising corporate borrowing costs and slowing consumer spending.

Despite the good news on inflation and interest rates, however, the stock market was weighed down by Thursday evening's news that a widely watched indicator of semiconductor industry performance fell last month, reversing a gain in June that had bolstered hopes for speedier growth.

FTSE eases slightly

WORLD MARKET ROUNDUP

LONDON (Reuters) - Leading British shares eased slightly in this volume on Friday, ending a seven day rally that has propelled the FTSE 100 near to its all-time high. The FTSE 100 index closed at 3,810.7, down 0.7 points up 40.1 from last Friday.

TOKYO - Tokyo stocks closed weaker on Friday, failing to shake off early weakness partly due to worst-than-expected US semiconductor data. The key 225-share Nikkei average ended down 180.26 points at 20,551.05 a fall of 389.36 on the week.

FRANKFURT - German shares ended bourse trade lower on Friday, dragged down by profit-taking before the weekend as

the lackluster dollar undermined sentiment. The 30-share blue chip DAX index closed down 12.51 points at 2,525.64 points a gain of 16.99 from last week's close. In post-bourse trade the index stood at 2,532.96 down 1.67.

PARIS - French stocks closed lower on Friday on the weakness in the franc, which hit a fresh four-month low, and nervousness about upcoming corporate results. The blue-chip CAC-40 index finished down 7.88 points or 0.39 percent at 1,989.54, a fall of 33.87 on the week, after recovering from its earlier lows on better-than-expected US inflation figures.

Dollar closes lower

CURRENCY REPORT

NEW YORK (AP) - The dollar ended mostly lower Friday on dimming prospects for higher US interest rates and a broad rally in the German mark, which benefited from new doubts about plans for one European currency by 1999.

Traders said the mark's strength was the dominant theme in the market, reflecting fear that

divergent agendas of key European Union member countries would undermine the proposed single currency.

At the New York close the dollar traded at 1.4780 marks, down from 1.4842 Thursday. The dollar traded at 108.24 yen, unchanged from Thursday. The British pound cost \$1.5485, down from \$1.5490.

ISRAELI MONEY MARKETS

Table with 4 columns: Currency (U.S. dollar, Pound sterling, German mark, Swiss franc, Yen), 3 MONTHS, 6 MONTHS, 12 MONTHS. Includes a note: (Rates vary higher or lower than indicated according to deposit)

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Jordan approves subsidy scheme

AMMAN (Reuters) - Jordan yesterday approved a radical IMF-sanctioned food subsidy scheme that raises bread prices and partly lifts a state monopoly on imports of basic commodities.

Information Minister Marwan Muasher told reporters after a cabinet meeting that the government also approved a compensation scheme to ease the impact of a steep bread price rise on Jordan's poor - a majority of its 4.2 million population whose staple diet is bread.

The trimmed food subsidy scheme is key to pushing ahead with broader free-market reforms that had been put off by successive governments since Jordan embarked on IMF-directed monetary stabilization reforms after a severe economic crisis in 1989.

Higher commodities imports - primarily wheat - have so far resulted in a 150 million dinar (\$211 million) deficit in the 1.8 billion dinar 1996 budget that threatens to derail a three-year IMF-directed reform program begun in 1996.

The government also approved guidelines allowing the private sector to import wheat, sugar, rice and powdered milk, which it will still import for resale at subsidized prices to poor Jordanians eligible for ration cards.

The cabinet delayed a bread price rise last month to a maximum 250 fils (35 cents) a kilo from its current 85 fils after protests by opposition deputies who threatened mass rallies to force a government climbdown.

Russia aims for growth

MOSCOW (Reuters) - Newly reappointed Russian Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin pledged to press on with economic reform yesterday, and said his new government would go for growth to raise living standards.

'Momentum' stocks left behind

WALL STREET WEEK

NEW YORK (AP) - A funny thing happened on the way to the rebound. Despite helping lead the charge to dizzying new heights before July's marketwide nose-bleed, many of the flightiest, most speculative stocks have been left far behind in the subsequent turnaround.

Witness the technology-rich Nasdaq market with its broad constituency of grounded high-fliers. While the Dow Jones industrial average and other measures of bigger, more established companies are now back within striking distance of their record highs, the Nasdaq composite index still sits about 9 percent shy of its all-time best.

Don't blame the Nasdaq's blue chips. Investors have bid technology bellwethers such as Intel and Microsoft back near or beyond their previous highs in the aftermath of July's tumble.

Left in the dust of the blue chips, for now, are former market darlings such as Omega and PressTek, wild adventures created largely by dozens of 'momentum investing,' the Wall Street equivalent of trying to catch a rising star.

'Momentum investing works at times. But it hasn't worked in the last month, and I'm betting it's not going to work over the next several months, if not for a few years,' said James Solloway, director of research at Argus Research.

And since momentum investing does impact 'real companies,' it will continue to be a useful tool for value investors, who will be picking through the debris of July for worthwhile companies that were trampled.

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US airports to pay for anti-terrorism measures

CHICAGO (Reuters) - If tighter anti-terrorism measures are inevitable at US airports, so are the costs of implementing those measures.

The big question: who is going to pay for them? 'Security is an issue and somebody's got to pay for it,' said Adam Whitehead, an airport analyst at Moody's Investors Service.

Jury verdict against firm rocks tobacco industry

JACKSONVILLE (Reuters) - A Florida jury sent a tremor through the tobacco industry on Friday when it slapped Brown & Williamson with a \$750,000 judgment for misleading consumers about the danger of smoking.

The verdict by a six-member jury came after two days of deliberations in the product liability case filed by Grady Carter of Orange Park, Fla. Carter smoked for nearly 50 years and was diagnosed with lung cancer in 1991.

Shares of tobacco companies traded on Wall Street plunged on the news. 'This trial was about the individual case of Mr. Carter, and an event that transpired decades ago,' Brown & Williamson attorney Thomas Bezanson told reporters.

The tobacco company said in a statement that there was 'a very good possibility' the verdict would be reversed on appeal because of what Brown & Williamson lawyers argued was inadmissible evidence.

Jury verdict against firm rocks tobacco industry

The Florida jurors ruled that American Tobacco, a unit of B.A.T. Industries Plc's Brown & Williamson Tobacco Co., was negligent and had made a dangerous and defective product.

Jurors awarded Carter \$500,000 in damages and \$250,000 to his wife, Millie. 'I'm well pleased,' said Carter, 66, a retired air traffic controller. 'It was a just verdict.'

Brown & Williamson immediately vowed to appeal the verdict to a state appellate court in Tallahassee.

'This trial was about the individual case of Mr. Carter, and an event that transpired decades ago,' Brown & Williamson attorney Thomas Bezanson told reporters. The tobacco company said in a statement that there was 'a very good possibility' the verdict would be reversed on appeal because of what Brown & Williamson lawyers argued was inadmissible evidence.





CRITIC'S CHOICE

THEATER

HELEN KAYE

IT'S long, but the Geshet Theater's production of Yehoshua Sobol's nostalgic, whimsical, ironic and warm-hearted evocation of Israel in the '40s, Kfar, is worth (nearly) every minute of its three hours.

CLASSICAL MUSIC

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

THE Israel Vocal Arts institute presents Carlisle Floyd's rarely performed Susanna tonight at 8:30 at the Israel Music Conservatory in Tel Aviv.



This summer's Keshet Eilon master classes wind up tonight.

Those who are in the Western Galilee tonight can enjoy a concert (8:30) at Kibbutz Eilon, the final event up North of the annual Keshet Eilon summer master classes, before the official class event tomorrow in Tel Aviv.

FILM

ADINA HOFFMAN

\*\*\* COLD COMFORT FARM - Based on Stella Gibbons's 1932 novel, this is a quirky little social satire about a headstrong young woman with clear ideas about literature and interior design.

The film blends broad caricature with a slightly bookish pace in a manner that's familiar from other BBC-produced adaptations of classic comedies.

While the movie may be a bit blue-stocked for certain tastes and while it still isn't up to the level of Schlesinger's best films, it's a thoroughly

respectable and thoughtful piece of work. (English dialogue, Hebrew subtitles. Parental guidance suggested)

\*\*\* STOLEN HEARTS - In their new romantic comedy, Sandra Bullock and Dennis Leary nag, bicker, make up and make out, nag, bicker, make up and make out, and so forth. They're supposed to be a working-class Boston couple; he's a small-time crook and she's a cashier with middle-class aspirations (a house, kids, a trip to Europe).

While the movie is hardly a masterpiece, the testy, affectionate repartee between these two cut-ups is at least energetic and seemingly spontaneous - which is a great deal more than can be said for the blandly polite meetings between girl and boy that have been the dull norm in other recent Hollywood attempt to restart the genre.

TELEVISION

CHANNEL 1

6:45 Exercise Hour 7:00 Good Morning Israel

EDUCATIONAL TV

8:00 Animalized series on animals 8:30 Tom Cats 9:00 Goya, Gal and G... 9:15 Kalmnu 9:30 Huddubey Finn - animated production

CHANNEL 1

15:30 Zap on the Wave 15:33 Tom and Jerry 15:50 Zappers 16:00 Heartbreak High

18:30 2 Point 4 Children - BBC comedy series 19:00 News 19:05 Arabic Hebrew Programs 19:31 Grace under Fire 20:00 Mabat News

CHANNEL 2

16:00 Izz and Mitz 16:30 Tarzan the Ape Man (1959) - starring George Miller, and Joanna Barnes (82 mins.) 17:05 Tush Tush

11:30 Crazy Safari II (1991) (pt) 13:10 T.F. Baslin (1971) - a young girl comes from a small town in Ohio to find love and fortune

JORDAN TV

15:05 The Mask 15:30 Bush School 15:45 French Programs 19:30 News 19:35 American Cinema, Cinema 20:00 American Cinema Show 20:45 Documentary

MIDDLE EAST TV

10:00 Changed Lives 10:30 Light House 11:30 Hour of Power 12:30 Central Message 13:00 Love Worth Finding 14:00 Benny Hinn 14:30 John Osteen 15:00 In Touch 16:00 Light for All Nations 16:30

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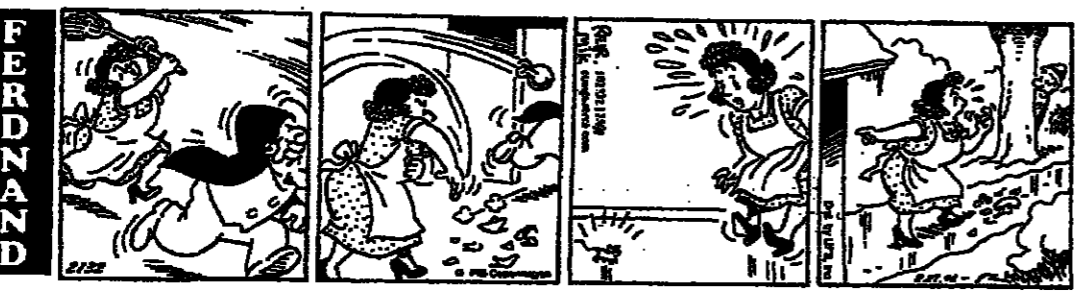
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CRYPTIC CROSSWORD

- ACROSS 1 I'll stand in front of the ship and give a big wave (6) 2 To reverse excessively in a dance is silly (8) 3 He is sent out after some hesitation (6) 4 Supporter leaped exultantly about the street (8) 5 Touch with an oral greeting (4) 6 Female, twice a mother (8) 7 Classic flower clings to the ear (4) 8 A treat for spectators - no support being required (4,8) 9 Fighting men who showed courage when put on a charge (5,7) 10 Cheese that's made the wrong way (4)

Crossword puzzle grid with numbers and some filled-in letters. Includes a 'SOLUTIONS' section with the answers for the crossword.

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CABLE

TV 3 (23)

18:00 News 18:15 Zohara and the Unknown Men 17:30 Weekly Court - with Arabic subtitles 18:00 Amores 19:00 News

SECOND SHOWING (8)

22:00 The Piano (1993) - A mute woman, her daughter and her piano arrive in New Zealand at the end of the 19th century. With Holly Hunter, Harvey Keitel and Anna Paquin. Directed by Jane Campion (120 mins.) 00:05 Since You Went Away (1944) - The experiences of a mother and her two daughters on a farm during World War II, while the father of the family is away at the front. With Claudette Colbert, Jennifer Jones and Shirley Temple. Directed by John Cromwell (183 mins.)

DISCOVERY (8)

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SUPER CHANNEL

6:00 The Seine Scott Show 7:00 Inside Russia 7:30 NBC News 8:00 The Best of Europe 2000 8:30 Executive Lives 9:00 Inspira 10:00 ITN News 11:00 ABC Combat 11:30 Portraits of the Century 13:00 The McLaughlin Group 13:30 The Best of Europe 2000 14:00 The First and the Best 14:30 The Press 20:00 Wine Express 20:30 Gillette Sports Magazine 15:30 Horse Racing Magazine 16:00 PGA Tournament Golf 17:00 Car Racing 19:00 ITN News Live 19:30 The Press 20:00 Wine Express 20:30 The Best of the Seine Scott Show 21:30 ITN News 22:00 Golf: Anderson Championship 23:00 The Tonight Show with Jay Leno 1:00 The Late Show with Conan O'Brien 2:00 Talk Jazz

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BBC WORLD

News on the hour 6:30 Horizon - science magazine (pt) 7:20 Britain in View (pt) 8:25 BBC Business Report (pt) 8:20 The Week (pt) 10:45 Assignment 11:20 Building Rights (pt) 12:30 documentaries 13:05 Eyewitness - world religions (pt) 14:20 Face to Face (pt) 15:05 The Technological Revolution (pt) 16:05 Country 17:30 Top Gear (pt) 18:05 Horizons (pt) 19:20 Report from Earth 19:30 Raymond's Stanc Mange (pt) 20:20 Britain in View (pt) 21:20 Window on Europe (pt) 22:05 Mooted 23:30 The Sky at Night - documentary 00:00 World Business Report

VOICE OF MUSIC

6:05 Morning Concert 9:05 Rossini: Quartet no 5 in F for flute, clarinet, horn and bassoon (Vienna-Berlin Ens); Beethoven: Violin concerto in D, Chopin: Barcarolle in F major op 8 (Mordkhai Shehori); Tchaikovsky: Serenade for Strings (Boris Cernatov); Dvorak: Symphony no 8 (London Handley); Stravinsky: Petruska (IFOD/Bernstein); 12:00 Light Classical - double concertos for winds by Mahler, Hindt, Franck, Strauss, Schostakovich; 12:30 The Week - Pablo Casals, cello; Bach: Suite no 6 in D for cello BWV 1012; Beethoven: Piano trio in B flat with Isomir, Schneider; 14:06 Sunday Days 16:00 Top 10 for Sunday; 17:00 Back: Cantata no 8; Palestrina: Mass; ancient Corsican hymn; Mozart: Mass in C for Trinity 1617 18:00 New CDs - Valentin Silvestrov: Symphony no 5; last-minute acquisitions 20:00 The Tonight Show - live broadcast from Henry Crown Auditorium, Jerusalem. Tel Aviv Chamber Choir, cond. Michael Shani; Ramat Gan Chamber Choir, cond. Hanna Tur; Lur children's choir, Herzliya, cond. Roni Shapira; Zemel Choir, London, cond. Robert Max 23:00 Sounds to End the Day

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# 5 killed in weekend road mishaps

## Gov't agrees to set up authority to prevent accidents

FIVE people were killed and two suffered serious injuries in road accidents over the weekend, as the government took steps to intensify the war on traffic accidents.

At its weekly meeting on Friday, the government approved Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's proposal to set up a national authority for traffic accident prevention. The cabinet also decided to immediately establish a steering committee to implement a program for combatting traffic accidents.

"This [problem] has long been a serious blow [to the country] and terribly painful for the families, and must be solved," Netanyahu said. "The number of traffic accidents can be significantly reduced."

Transportation Minister Yitzhak Levy presented the cabinet with a list of causes of road accidents. He noted that the number of deaths from traffic accidents since the country's establishment is greater than the loss of life in all of the wars and terror attacks.

A six-year-old boy was killed yesterday afternoon when he suddenly ran across the main road near Kibbuz Ginossar and was hit by a car. The boy, who was with his family, was declared dead at the scene. Police detained the driver and are investigating the accident.

Last night, a bicyclist was hit and killed by a passing car on the coastal road, north of Netanya.

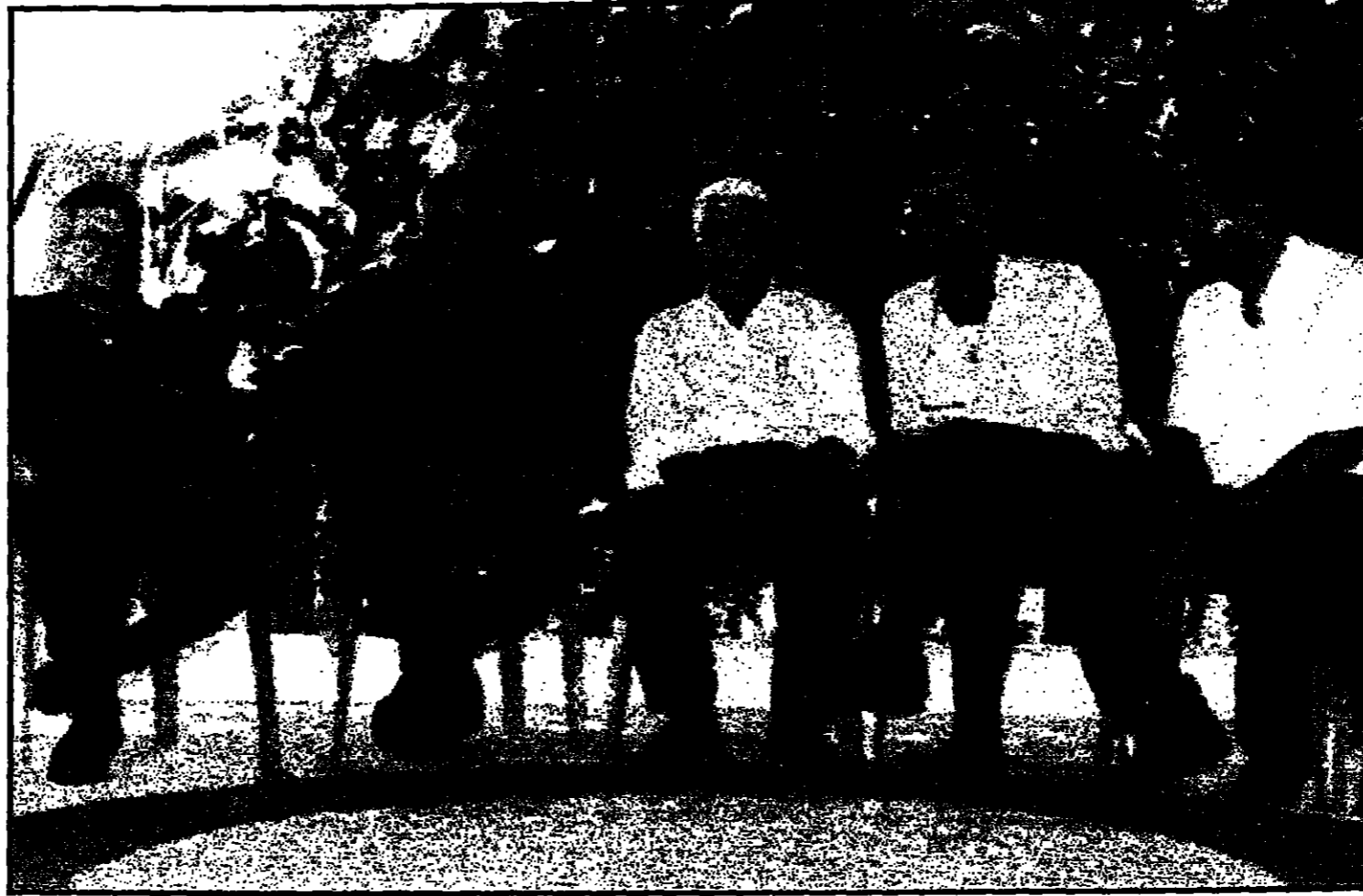
Also last night, 70-year-old pedestrian was run over and killed near Bat Yam's promenade.

A 69-year-old woman from Bethlehem was killed yesterday morning in the Shuafat refugee camp as she was crossing a street. She had just gotten off a bus and was hit by a taxi cab that tried to pass.

Before dawn Friday, a driver lost control of the wheel and crashed into a tree on the Zichron Ya'acov-Pardess Hanna road. He was brought with serious injuries to Hadera's Hillel Yaffe Hospital, where he died Friday afternoon.

In a similar incident, a Tel Aviv man, 34, suffered serious injuries yesterday afternoon when he crashed into a tree on Tel Aviv's Rehov Schoken. Police said they found many tickets for traffic violations in the man's car.

In Rehovot, a Romanian worker suffered severe injuries when he was hit by a car after stepping down from a traffic island Friday night. He was brought to Tel Hashomer's Sheba Hospital.



OC Northern Command Maj.-Gen. Amiram Levine (left) and Chief of General Staff Lt.-Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak pay a condolence call at the home of the Aslan family in the Galilee village of Kafr Kama on Friday. (IDF Spokesman)

# Weizman visits family of slain soldier

PRESIDENT Ezer Weizman and government and military officials made condolence calls on Friday to the family of St.-Sgt. Tehahu Aslan, a Circassian medic who was killed in south Lebanon on Wednesday.

During his visit to the family's Kafr Kama home, Weizman praised the loyalty of the Circassian community.

"There is not a single citizen who does not appreciate the Circassian community's contribution to the security of the state, from the state's founding until today," Weizman said. "This village and this community have made a huge contribution, in relation to their size, to the country's security."

OC Southern Command Maj.-Gen. Shlomo Yanai also traveled to the Galilee village to comfort the family. He praised Aslan, killed while on his way to help two wounded comrades. He promised Aslan's mother that he would do everything possible to fulfill her requests regarding another family member who is serving in the same unit.

Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai, Chief of General Staff Lt.-Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak and OC Northern Command Maj.-Gen. Amiram Levine, who also visited the family, pledged that the IDF would retaliate against Hizbullah.

Interior Minister Eli Suissa and other ministry representatives also came to comfort Aslan's father, Abed Hamid, who has worked for the ministry for the past 34 years.

# Hizbullah fires mortars from village, violate cease-fire

HIZBULLAH over the weekend violated the limited cease-fire agreement by firing mortar rounds from a village at IDF soldiers in the security zone, security sources said.

The shelling caused no damage or injuries, the army said, and the IDF returned fire. The sources said Hizbullah gunmen fired the mortars from inside the village of Braachit, east of Kiryat Shmona.

The sources noted that this violated the agreement following Operation Grapes of Wrath banning both sides from firing from or at civilian areas on either side of the border. The understandings, however, do not rule out attacks on Hizbullah, SLA, or IDF forces.

In the recent flare-up in south Lebanon, one Israeli soldier was killed and four wounded. Security sources said up to 10 Hizbullah gunmen have also been killed in clashes with the IDF and SLA.

The recent violation will undoubtedly be added to the list of IDF-declared violations by Hizbullah which Israel will raise with the five-nation monitoring committee, which convened for the first time on Thursday.

### WEATHER

Colin 18-30  
Haifa 22-31  
Tel Aviv 22-30  
Jerusalem 18-29  
Beersheba 19-34  
Dead Sea 29-39  
Thessalon 21-37  
Athal 20-33  
Samaritan 18-29

Forecast: Partly cloudy to clear.

### AROUND THE WORLD

	LOW	HIGH	C	F	C	F	WIND	SEA
Amsterdam	10	20	15	59	15	59	light	calm
Bangkok	24	32	28	82	28	82	light	calm
Berlin	12	22	17	63	17	63	light	calm
Bombay	26	34	30	86	30	86	light	calm
Buenos Aires	12	22	17	63	17	63	light	calm
Cairo	22	32	27	81	27	81	light	calm
Calgary	10	20	15	59	15	59	light	calm
Chicago	10	20	15	59	15	59	light	calm
Copenhagen	10	20	15	59	15	59	light	calm
Dublin	10	20	15	59	15	59	light	calm
Frankfurt	10	20	15	59	15	59	light	calm
Geneva	10	20	15	59	15	59	light	calm
Hankou	24	32	28	82	28	82	light	calm
Hanoi	24	32	28	82	28	82	light	calm
Hong Kong	24	32	28	82	28	82	light	calm
Houston	24	32	28	82	28	82	light	calm
Jerusalem	18	29	23	73	23	73	light	calm
Johannesburg	18	29	23	73	23	73	light	calm
Kobe	24	32	28	82	28	82	light	calm
London	10	20	15	59	15	59	light	calm
Los Angeles	10	20	15	59	15	59	light	calm
Madrid	10	20	15	59	15	59	light	calm
Moscow	10	20	15	59	15	59	light	calm
Mumbai	26	34	30	86	30	86	light	calm
New Delhi	26	34	30	86	30	86	light	calm
New York	10	20	15	59	15	59	light	calm
Osaka	24	32	28	82	28	82	light	calm
Paris	10	20	15	59	15	59	light	calm
Rome	10	20	15	59	15	59	light	calm
Stockholm	10	20	15	59	15	59	light	calm
Taipei	24	32	28	82	28	82	light	calm
Tel Aviv	22	32	27	81	27	81	light	calm
Tokyo	24	32	28	82	28	82	light	calm
Winnipeg	10	20	15	59	15	59	light	calm
Zurich	10	20	15	59	15	59	light	calm

# Sharon to head ministerial panel probing Beduin claims

THE government has decided to set up a ministerial committee to examine policy on Beduin affairs, to be headed by National Infrastructure Minister Ariel Sharon.

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu told the cabinet at its Friday meeting that the committee would deal with questions of land in the Beduin sector and finding permanent housing for those Beduin not living in existing settlements.

The decision came following repeated violent clashes between Beduin and police near Omer in the Negev, where the Beduin claim that development work is taking place on their lands.

Hundreds of Beduin citizens from all over the country demonstrated Friday outside the Prime Minister's Office during the cabinet meeting, protesting that they were discriminated against compared to the Jewish sector.

They said that they had been living in the area of Omer before the houses there were built, but that they were receiving fewer services than their Jewish neighbors in the villa suburb.

Avigdor Lieberman, director-general of the Prime Minister's Office, who met representatives of the demonstrators, informed them that the committee had been set up.

# Security checks at B-G Airport causes travelers to miss flights

WITH Ben-Gurion Airport bursting at the seams, the Transportation Ministry is preparing more early check-in systems, but that is small consolation to John van der Walt, a South African travel agent who had to wait so long for a security check that he missed his Friday El Al flight.

Van der Walt, a Christian supporter of Israel, said he has brought thousands of visitors here, but after this weekend's experience, his enthusiasm has been dampened. On Friday, he said, he had come to the airport three hours early, but the lone security official could not handle the crowds. An hour before his flight was due to leave, the counter was closed, he said.

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He added not only did 25 passengers fail to get on the flight to South Africa, because of the security bottleneck, but another 25 were turned away from their flight to Rome.

"We sell Israel, we sell Jerusalem, and then we get a slap in the face like that," he says.

According to van der Walt, rumors were rife at the airport that the bottleneck was the result of a power struggle between the security officers and El Al.

On Thursday, Transport Minister Yitzhak Levy visited the airport and saw the crowds for himself. He announced a plan to establish satellite early check-in stations around the country, serving all the airlines.

El Al spokesman Nachman Klieman admitted that the lines are very long, but he denied that there was any friction between the security people and the airline.

Klieman also said that the increased security may have also been the result of an exposé on Friday by the daily *Yediot Aharonot*, in which a reporter, disguised as a disabled passenger in a wheelchair, had smuggled a dummy weapon and bomb onto a plane. Klieman said that it was understandable that the reporter, a Jewish Israeli, had not been subjected to an exhaustive search.

# Swiss banks favor Holocaust legislation

ZURICH (Reuters) - The Swiss Banking Association said on Friday that it favors Swiss legislation to clear the way for a thorough investigation of assets Nazis confiscated from Jews.

But Silvia Matile, a spokeswoman for the Banking Association, said the main focus of the legislation should be to clear up what happened to the assets of Nazi victims. "With this legislation, we would like to get a historical clearing up of what happened before and during the war," she said.

The Banking Association noted there is already an agency and a commission of experts set up by the Swiss banks and international Jewish groups to work to restore assets to rightful owners.

Thus, while saying banks would cooperate, the Banking Association warned against focusing the investigation on the recovery of valuables. It also said the planned probe should respect the confidentiality of those concerned.

Jewish leaders, including the World Jewish Restitution Organization, the World Jewish Congress and the Jewish Agency, are making efforts to defuse tension with Swiss bankers.

A Swiss investigation in February found 774 dormant accounts with a value of \$34 million, some of which may have belonged to Holocaust victims.

**2 drown over weekend**

A 32-year-old South African tourist drowned off Tel Aviv's Jerusalem Beach yesterday. A Magen David Adom team called to the scene failed to revive her.

In Caesarea, a 59-year-old man drowned Friday off the Aqueduct Beach. A 24-year-old woman who tried to help a friend who was pulled out to sea was in serious condition after nearby drowning. She was brought to Haifa's Rambam Hospital for treatment.

## UJA advertisements get a free ride

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NEW YORK

A UJA affiliate has rolled out a new kind of advertising - ads that cover the rear windows of 100 Manhattan taxis. The New York affiliate, the UJA-Federation, is the guinea pig for a new kind of "advertising vehicle," known in the trade as "shrink-wrapped plastic."

When a media company asked permission to use this advertising in Manhattan, city officials said they would consider it, after a test this summer to ensure the ads do not create a safety hazard.

The test advertising was made available free to non-profit organizations, and the UJA-Federation was the first to jump at the offer.

"The taxis are all over New York, and it's another way to get our message out," a UJA-Federation spokesman said.

Taxi drivers and passengers can see from the inside out, but others see only the UJA message: "Rebuilding lives. Restoring hope."

A taxi travels more than 300 miles a day and is seen by more than 10,000 people, according to industry estimates. This kind of advertising would normally cost \$12,000 a month.

"We're using it now because it's pro bono," the spokesman said. "We have no intention of paying for this."

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